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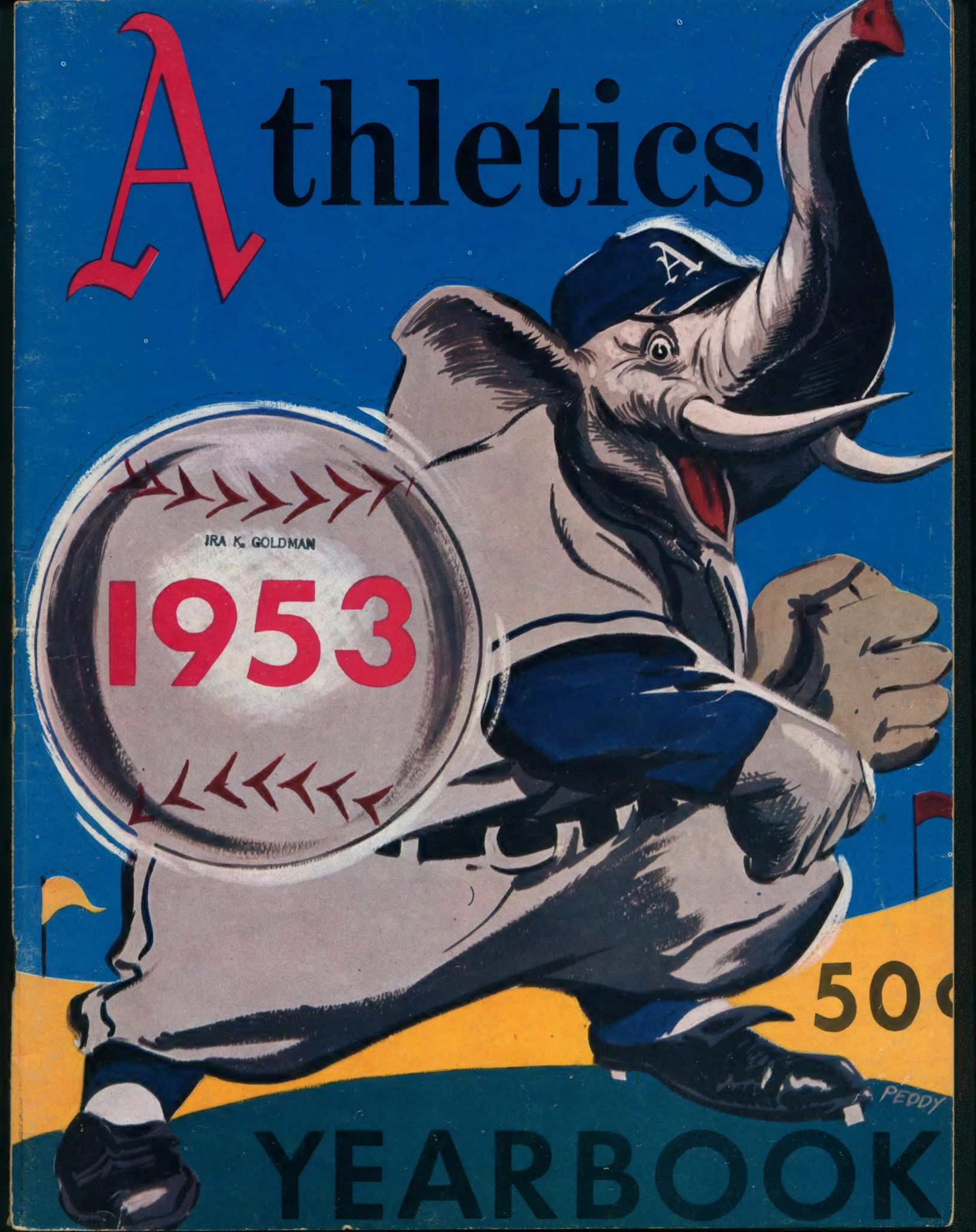
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Now it's Connie Mack Stadium!

The ball park that had been known as Shibe Park since April 12, 1909, became a memorial to the man who is known throughout the nation as "Mr. Baseball", at the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Athletics' Board of Directors in February.

They decided unanimously to change the name of the structure at 21st Street and Lehigh Avenue.

Reconstruction of the box seats in 1949-50 brought the seating capacity to 33,223. The distances from home plate are: 334 feet to left field; 331 feet to right field; and 440 feet to centerfield.

In 1913, four years after the park opened, the A's began their first park expansion plan. The uncovered bleachers were roofed and called pavilions while another unprotected stand was added, extending from left field to the centerfield flagpole.

Though minor changes or adjustments were made almost annually, it wasn't until 1925 that the modern steel and concrete stadium that we know today came into existence. The grandstand was rebuilt and enlarged into a doubledecker and extended clear around from 20th and Somerset to 20th and Lehigh, via 21st Street.

As the crowds began to increase in the late 20's, expansion continued. A mezzanine floor was added in 1928 to accommodate 750 box seats. The following year the original grandstand was enlarged, making 3500 more seats available.

The next major change in the park came with the addition of floodlight towers and subsequent night baseball. The 147 foot towers went up in 1939, converting Connie Mack Stadium into the first American League plant suitable for arlight ball. The initial nocturnal game was played with Cleveland on May 16, 1939.

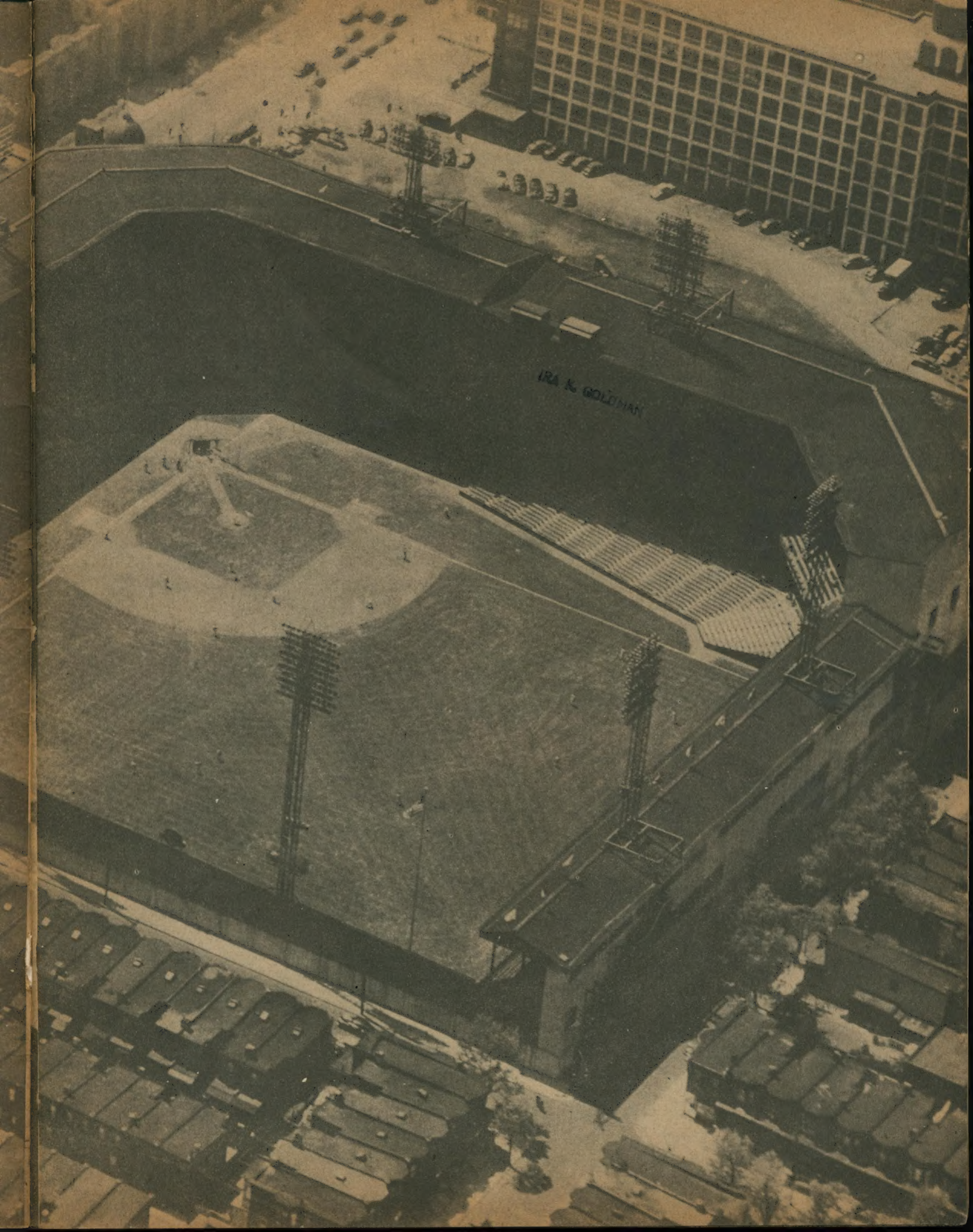
More changes and improvements were to follow in 1941 but then they were halted until after the war. In 1941, a larger scoreboard was erected along the right field wall, which also was improved to protect and safeguard fielders from crashing into it.

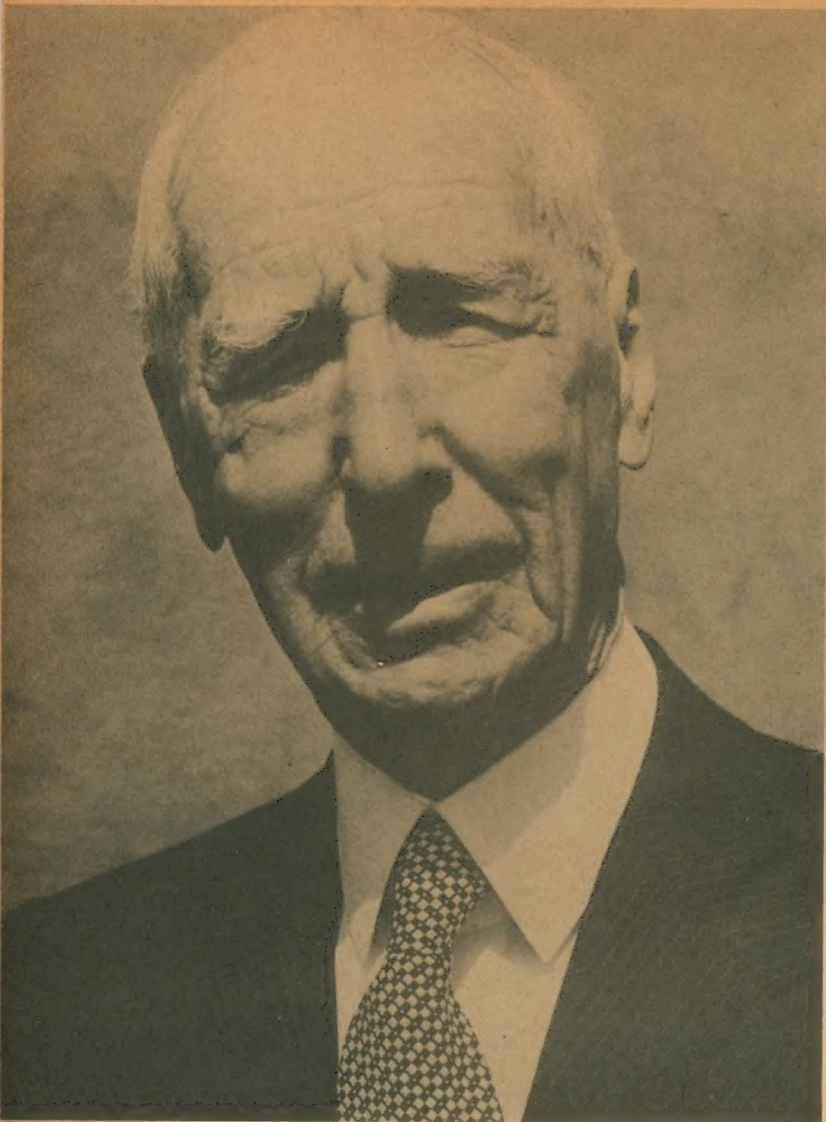
Since the war, immediate and long range plans are under way. In 1945, "plastic surgery" was performed on the Stadium's face. Flagstone was replaced by granite, the entire park repaired, brick painted and pillars cleaned.

Future plans call for connecting tunnels between dug-outs and lockers, increased press facilities and construction of stands in right field.

Figures show the record baseball crowd at Connie Mack Stadium to be 38,800, set on July 13, 1931, against the Washington Senators.

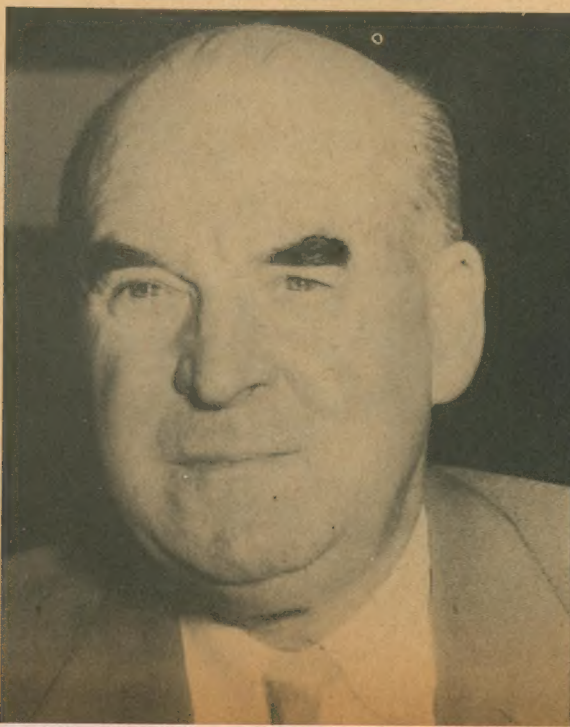




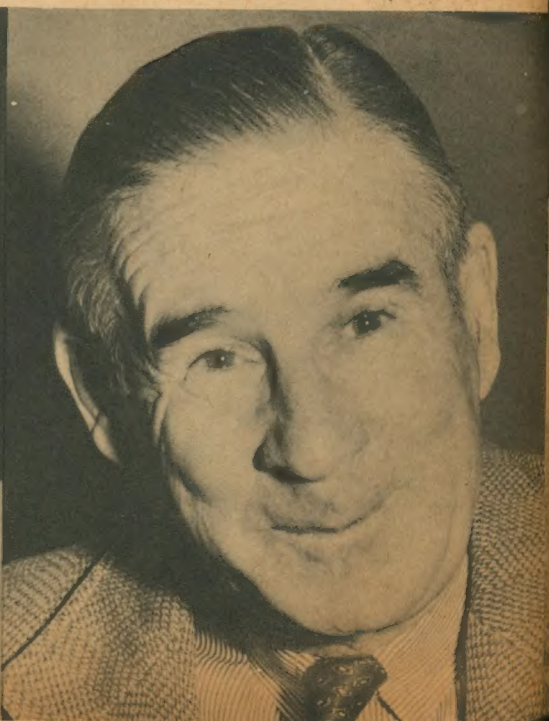


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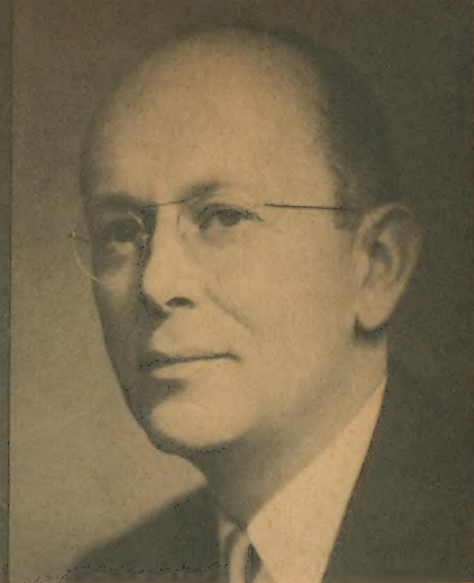


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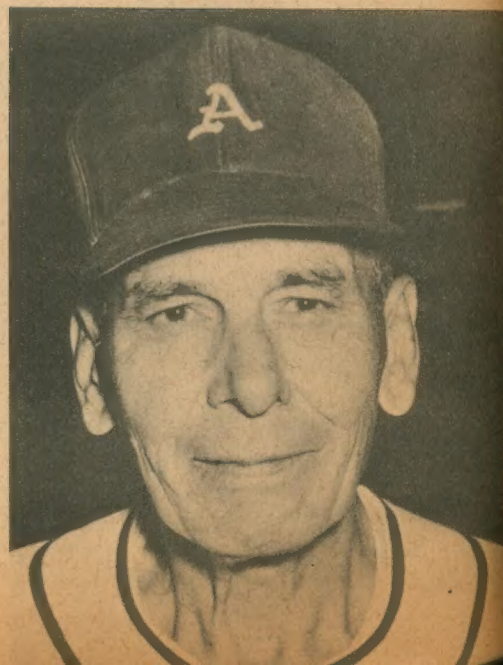
Jimmie Dykes is beginning his third season as Manager of the Philadelphia Athletics and he hopes to push his boys to an even higher place in the league standings than the fourth-place finish of 1952.

Taking over an eighth place club after the 1950 season, Sir James managed to lift the club to a sixth place finish in 1951 before surprising the baseball world last year by copping a first division berth.

Jimmie is the first to give a lot of credit to his coaches for the improvement in the team during the past couple of years. The staff is abundant in experience, ability and a willingness to cooperate.

Charles Albert Bender

Chief Bender, whom Connie Mack calls his "greatest money pitcher," is the pitching coach. The chief was born May 5, 1884, and began his baseball career in 1902. He was active as a pitcher for 36 years. He entered the big leagues in 1903 and during his 15 years in the majors racked up a life-time record of 210 wins against 127 losses. He was the leading pitcher in the American League in 1910, 1911 and 1914 while pitching for the Champion A's, and in 1914 he won 14 consecutive games.





Jimmie Dykes shares a good story with the members of his coaching staff. Left to right: Bing Miller, Tom Oliver, Dykes, Chief Bender and Wally Moses.

Beginning his fourth year as a member of the Athletics' coaching staff is Edmund J. (Bing) Miller. The popular Bing was a team-mate of Dykes on the pennant-winning teams of 1929-30-31 and was one of Jimmie's coaches while the latter was managing the Chicago White Sox. Miller was born in Vinton, La., on August 30, 1894. He started his professional career in 1914 and became a big leaguer in 1921. After his playing career Bing coached at Boston and Detroit before going to Chicago. Miller, who is beginning his 33rd consecutive year in the Major leagues, boasts a life-time batting average of .312 and a fielding average of .974.

Thomas N. Oliver, former Boston Red Sox outfielder, handles the third base coaching chores for the A's. Tom, a 49-year-old Alabaman, has been with the Athletics' organization for several years as a manager and scout. Known as one of the better fielders of all time, he was drafted from Little Rock by the Red Sox in 1929. He once led the American League outfielders in chances ac-

cepted for two years in a row. He helped develop such stars as Elmer Valo, Joe Astroth and Lou Brissie. He also signed George Kell for the Athletics.

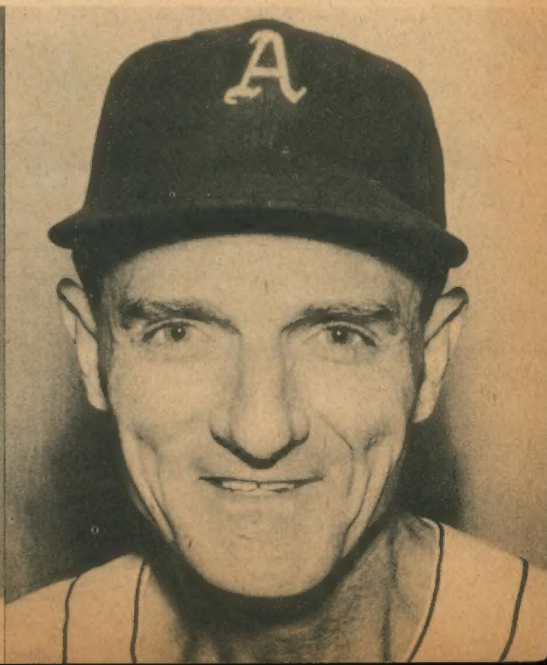
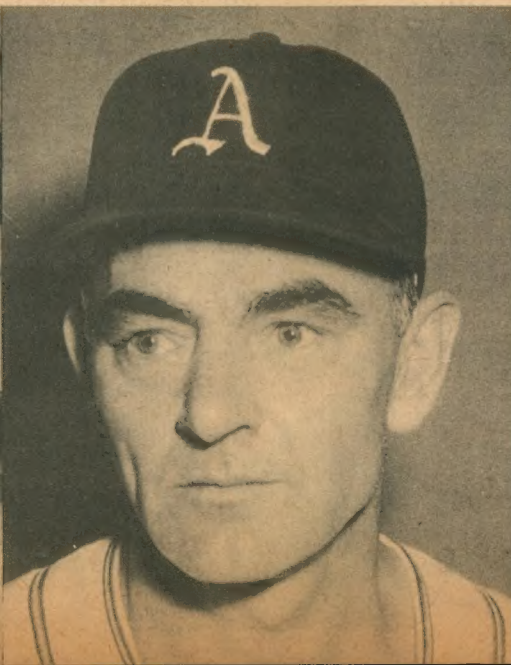
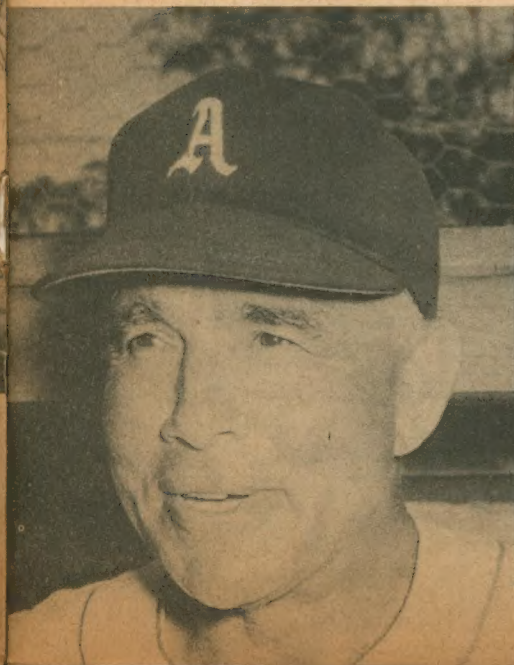
Wallace Moses, who coaches at first base for the Dykesmen, was born October 8, 1910, at Uvalda, Ga. He came up to the Athletics in 1935 and has been a big-leaguer ever since. Wally still holds the record for stolen bases for the Chicago White Sox, having pilfered 56 bases one year while playing for Dykes there. He also still holds the record for home runs in a single season by a Philadelphia player batting from the left side, having smacked 25 four-masters one season. In the 1946 World Series, while playing for the Boston Red Sox, Wally made five consecutive hits, which is believed to be a record. Moses ended his active playing career in 1951 with the Athletics and immediately joined the coaching staff.

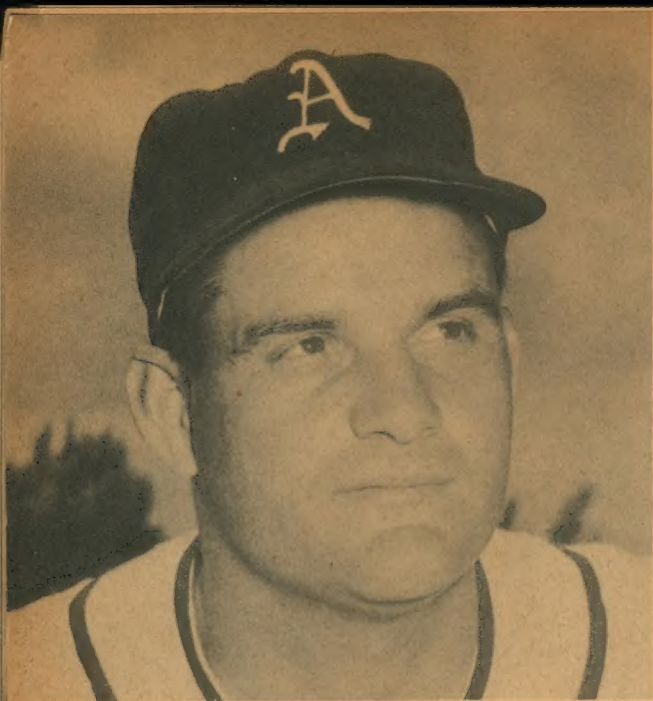
Lester McCrabb, a former major league hurler and a long-time member of the A's organization continues as bullpen aide and batting practice pitcher.

Edmund John Miller

Wallace Moses

Thomas N. Oliver





HARRY GLADWIN BYRD

Harry Byrd set the American League on fire the last half of last season, finishing with a 15-15 record and an excellent 3.32 ERA.

Big Harry was voted the league's Rookie of the Year and was the most sought-after player on the A's roster in the winter trade talks.

From June 1952 until the end of the season he was thought by many to be the best right hander in the American League and he teams with Bobby Shantz to give the A's probably the best 1-2 pitching punch in the circuit.

Harry is a native of Darlington, South Carolina. He is 6' 1", weighs 188 pounds, and is 28 years old.

The American League's Outstanding Rookie of 1952.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946	Martinsville	Carolina	38	236	15	12	.556	224	125	0	172	108	0.00
1947	Savannah	So. Atl.	38	199	16	13	.552	221	148	123	115	103	5.56
1948	Savannah	So. Atl.	42	233	15	15	.500	223	140	106	118	101	4.09
1949	Savannah	So. Atl.	10	54	2	8	.200	51	32	28	42	34	4.67
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	6	11	0	0	.000	25	20	20	2	9	16.36
	Buffalo	Int.	21	108	4	9	.308	134	91	81	66	65	6.75
1951	Savannah	So. Atl.	33	248	18	14	.563	239	124	99	180	107	3.59
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	37	228	15	15	.500	244	100	84	116	98	3.32



Before entering clubhouse, Byrd gets goodbye smack from daughter Pam as wife Mary looks on.

Comparing knuckle-ball grip with Bobby Shantz.

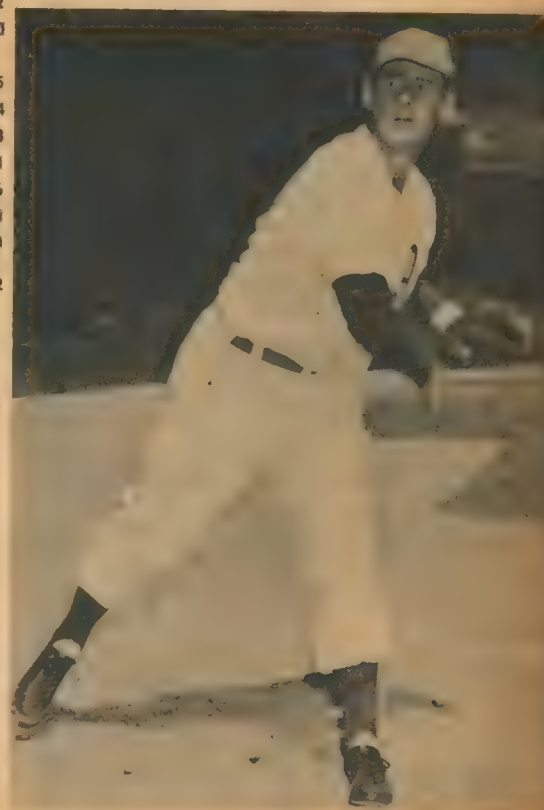




Joe shows curve ball grip to wife, Barbara, and Joe, Jr.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	EWA
1941	Newport News	Va.	32	223	15	12	.556	251	132	108	177	86	4.36
1942	Wilmington	I. S.	37	213	18	9	.667	169	72	55	139	73	2.32
1942	Philadelphia	A. L.	1	6	0	1	.000	8	5	2	0	1	3.00
1943-44-45	Philadelphia	A. L.	(In Military Service)										
1946	Toronto	Int.	26	198	14	10	.583	187	75	65	108	64	2.95
1946	Philadelphia	A. L.	4	13	0	2	.000	19	8	8	8	8	5.54
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	32	160	6	12	.333	171	84	77	65	62	4.33
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	216	14	13	.519	224	105	98	86	99	4.08
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	240	13	14	.481	249	119	103	109	127	3.86
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	15	54	0	5	.000	74	54	51	12	50	8.50
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	28	96	1	6	.143	117	69	64	34	59	6.00
1952	Ottawa	I. L. }	16	76	2	7	.222	56	41	28	32	64	3.32
	Savannah	Sally }											

Serious about that comeback.



JOSEPH PATRICK COLEMAN

Joe Coleman is attempting a comeback with the A's this season after having spent most of last year with the Ottawa and Savannah farm club.

The Big Right-Hander won 14 games in 1948 and was selected to the American League All-Star team. Again in 1940 Joe won 13 games but since then has been unable to return to form.

Coleman attended Boston College for one year before going into professional baseball with the Newport News in 1941.

He served three years in the Naval Air Force during World War II.

Joe is 30 years old and makes his home in Arlington, Mass., where he works as an automobile salesman during the winter.



A right handed Shantz, many predict.

MARION JOHN FRICANO

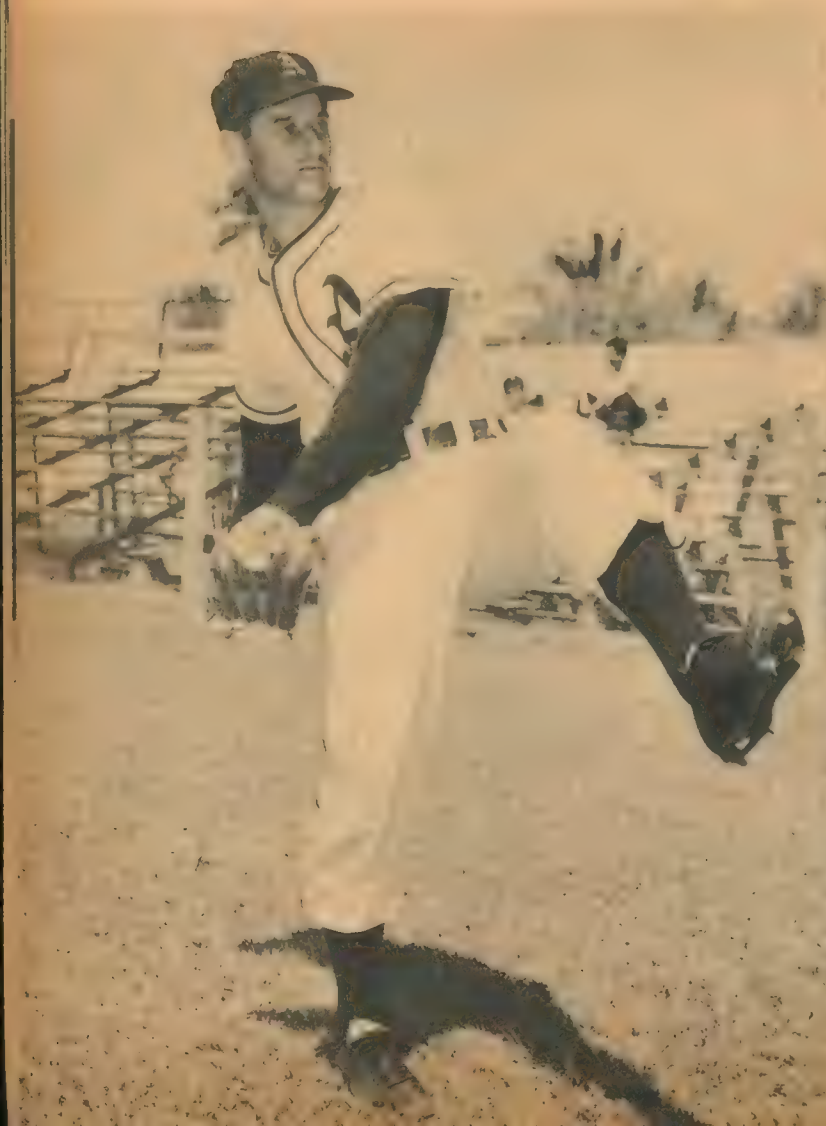
Marion Fricano comes to the A's from the Ottawa Club where he was one of the most effective pitchers in the International League last year, winning 16 and losing 8, while compiling an ERA of 2.26.

Fricano broke into organized ball with Johnstown of the Middle Atlantic League in 1947.

In 1949 his combined record with Nashua of the New England League and Pueblo of the Western League was 21 wins and 5 losses.

Fricano lives in North Collins, N. Y., is 6' tall, weighs 175 pounds, and is 30 years old.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1947	Johnstown	Mid. Atl.	14	69	5	2	.714	78	48	4.96
1948	Valdosta	Ga.-Fla.	32	178	13	7	.650	200	86	3.13
1949	Nashua	New Eng.	17	134	11	3	.786	112	32	1.48
1949	Pueblo	West.	15	87	10	2	.833	88	40	3.52
1950	Mobile	So. Assoc.	38	176	15	10	.600	188	96	4.09
1951	Mobile	So. Assoc.	33	159	10	9	.526	137	55	2.77
1952	Phila. A's	Amer.	2	5	1	0	1.000	5	1	1.80
1952	Ottawa	Int.	29	181	16	8	.667	155	57	



Fricano warms up for spring training game.

The former Ottawa star takes part in fielding practice for pitchers.



Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1941	Tucson	Ariz.-Tex.	22	174	13	6	.684	166	87	0	50	134	3.26
1942	Tucson	Ariz.-Tex.	Record not available										
1943-46			(Military Service)										
1947	Birmingham	S. A.	33	176	11	9	.550	182	112	97	107	85	4.96
1948	Savannah	Sally	15	112	9	3	.750	79	42	34	42	93	2.75
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	13	23	0	0	.000	21	20	20	16	14	7.83
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	38	245	20	12	.625	243	120	102	129	94	3.75
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	36	225	8	20	.286	253	157	137	85	112	5.48
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	209 2/3	11	14	.440	218	118	104	94	93	4.46
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	34	231	12	14	.462	223	124	112	105	86	4.36

ALEX RAYMOND KELLNER

Alex Kellner is considered the number 3 man on the strong Athletics pitching staff.

Last season he won 12 and lost 14 while compiling a 4.36 ERA.

He is the older brother of young Walter Kellner, also on the A's staff.

Alex graduated from Ampitheatre High School in Tucson, Arizona, where he captained the baseball team for three years.

In 1946 he was named to the All-Star team in the National Semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kansas.

He is 27 years old, weighs 205 pounds, and loves to hunt. He is an expert rifle shot.

The husky left hander won 20 games as a rookie in 1949 and was named to the American League All-Star team.



Looking for 20 again this year.

Alex gives brother Walter a few tips.



Alex with three other pretty fair pitchers.





Out with injury last year.

MORRIS WEBSTER MARTIN

Morris Martin will not be eligible to pitch for the A's until 13 days after the opening of the American League season. However, he is being counted upon for considerable help to the A's "Big Four."

Martin was placed on the voluntarily retired list late last season after an injury but is apparently in good shape now.

The left hander participated in five games last year and had a record of no wins and 2 losses.

If Morris can repeat his performance of 11 wins and 4 losses with the A's in 1951, he will be a big boost to Philadelphia pennant hopes.

Martin is 6' tall and weighs 185 pounds and is married.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1947	St. Paul	Amer. Assoc.	19	59	2	3	.400	47	34	4.12
1948	St. Paul	Amer. Assoc.	35	186	13	11	.542	171	93	4.16
1949	St. Paul	Amer. Assoc.	16	79	3	6	.333	83	41	3.87
1949	Brooklyn	Nat.	10	31	1	3	.250	39	25	6.97
1950	St. Paul	Amer. Assoc.	31	197	14	9	.609	216	101	3.65
1951	Philadelphia	Amer.	35	138	11	4	.733	139	70	3.78
1952	Philadelphia	Amer.	5	25	1	2	.000	32	19	6.39

"Sure, Bobby, the finger's healed now."



Year	Club	League	G	W	L	H	R	ERA
1928	Raleigh	Piedmont	11	0	3	64	46	6.96
1928	Green.-Wilm.	East Carolina	27	15	6	155	88	4.08
1929	Macon	South Atl.	45	19	18	283	167	3.87
1929	Brooklyn	National	3	0	3	15	12	11.00
1930	Brooklyn	National	2	0	0	2	2
1930	Jersey City	International	3	0	1	15	10	5.40
1930	Macon	South Atl.	22	6	3	87	45	2.43
1931	Little Rock	So. Assoc.	51	16	14	289	166	5.05
1932	Chicago	National	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
1932	Albany	International	34	7	7	154	96	5.28
1933	Los Angeles	Pacific	56	30	11	328	138	3.18
1934	St. Louis	American	47	16	20	259	138	4.02
1935	St. Louis-Wash.	American	35	11	18	276	137	4.52
1936	Washington	American	43	17	15	294	160	4.33
1937	Wash.-Boston	American	41	16	14	269	163	4.81
1938	St. Louis	American	44	20	16	334	205	5.07
1939	St. Louis-Detroit	American	41	20	11	272	126	3.58
1940	Detroit	American	36	21	5	235	110	2.83
1941	Detroit	American	43	12	20	265	140	4.61
1942	Washington	American	30	11	17	236	135	4.92
1942	Brooklyn	National	6	2	2	28	13	3.38
1943	Brooklyn	National	22	9	4	113	51	3.02
1943	St. Louis-Wash.	American	16	4	9	107	67	5.87
1944	Philadelphia	American	37	13	15	243	100	2.82
1945	Philadelphia	American	36	8	20	255	111	3.29
1946	Phila.-Wash.	American	34	14	13	224	90	2.92
1947	Wash.-N. Y.	American	31	11	11	208	82	3.35
1948	New York	National	11	0	4	35	16	4.15
1949	Chattanooga	So. Assoc.	36	17	12	273	146	4.41
1950	Chattanooga	So. Assoc.	34	13	17	244	119	4.06
1951	Birmingham	So. Assoc.	32	16	11	226	92	3.04
1952	Washington	American	10	1	1	16	7	4.98
1952	Philadelphia		14	3	3	38	19	3.59

Bobo Newsom is beginning his twenty-sixth year in professional baseball this season.

During his career he has been with every club in the American League except Chicago and Cleveland and with three National League Clubs.

He has put his name in the record books on numerous occasions. He once pitched 9 hitless innings only to

lose the game in the tenth inning on 1 hit. With Detroit in 1940 he pitched 3 complete games in the World Series or a 2-1 record.

Newsom has been elected to the All-Star game twice, in 1940 and 1944. Last season with the A's Bobo won 4 and lost 4 and posted a 3.90 ERA. He appeared in 24 games.



Who else but ole Bobo?

LOUIS NEWSOM

Wife Kay gives Bobo a helping hand after strenuous workout.





Throwing that high hard one.

RICHARD LOUIS ROZEK

Dick Rozek was secured from the Cleveland Indians in another winter deal for pitcher Bob Hooper.

Rozek has been with the Indians for the past three years but has seen very little action. Last season he won 1 and lost 0 with a 4.85 ERA.

Rozek has shown great promise but has never been able to work regularly. Jimmy Dykes thinks that with steady work, Dick may become another good left hander to team with Shantz and Alex Kellner.

He comes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, stands 6' ½" tall and weighs 190 lbs. and is 26 years old.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1948	Wilkes-Barre	East.	35	198	10	18	.357	132	102	82	177	180	3.73
1949	Okla. City	Tex.	28	163	8	7	.533	149	91	72	145	146	3.98
1950	Cleveland	Amer.	12	25	0	0	.000	28	15	14	14	19	5.04
1951	Cleveland	Amer.	7	15	0	0	.000	18	12	5	5
1952	Cleveland	Amer.	10	13	1	0	.1000	11	8	7	5	13	4.85

Was with Cleveland last season.



CARL ALVIN SCHEIB

Manager Jimmy Dykes thinks that in 1953 Carl Scheib may fulfill the promise he has shown for several years.

Scheib came to the club without minor league experience in 1943 and upon occasion has looked like a great pitcher. This may be the year when Scheib is consistent all season.

Last year Carl won 11 and lost 7.

Though a ten year man, Scheib is still only 27 years old. He is 6' 1½" tall and weighs 202 pounds.

During the past Winter, Carl worked for the Budd Company in Philadelphia.

He served in the European Theatre of Occupation with the army in 1945 and 1946.

He is considered one of the better hitting pitchers on the Athletics roster.



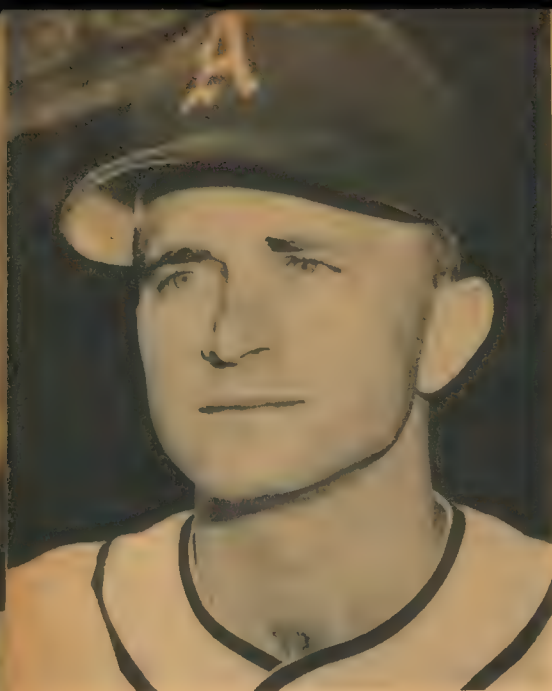
Carl had 11-7 last year.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1943	Philadelphia	A. L.	6	19	0	1	.000	24	14	9	3	3	4.26
1944	Philadelphia	A. L.	15	36	0	0	.000	36	18	17	13	11	4.25
1945	Philadelphia	A. L.	4	9	0	0	.000	6	3	3	2	4	3.00
1945-46	Philadelphia	A. L.	(In Military Service)										
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	21	116	4	6	.400	121	68	85	26	55	5.04
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	32	199	14	8	.636	219	90	87	44	76	3.93
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	38	183	9	12	.429	191	117	104	118	43	5.11
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	43	106	3	10	.231	138	96	85	37	70	7.22
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	46	143	1	12	.077	132	78	71	49	71	4.47
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	30	158	11	7	.611	153	82	77	42	50	4.39

Scheib demonstrates fielding skill with lunging tag of St. Louis player who attempted to score on squeeze play.

(Philadelphia Bulletin photo)





The American League's Most Valuable Player for 1952.

Proving that his wrist is O. K. again.



Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1948	Lincoln	West.	28	214	18	7	.720	179	77	67	212	55	2.82
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	127	6	8	.429	100	50	48	74	58	3.40
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	36	215	8	14	.364	251	122	110	93	85	4.60
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	32	205 1/3	18	10	.643	213	96	90	77	70	3.95
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	280	24	7	.774	230	87	77	152	63	2.48

ROBERT CLAYTON SHANTZ

Bobby Shantz, the "Mighty Mite" of Jimmie Dykes' pitching staff stole the show in the pitching department in the American League in 1952. The incomparable "Little Lefty" was voted the league's most valuable player by the Baseball Writers of America. He won the most games, 24, and his low loss total of 7 set-backs made him the top man in the league on a percentage basis. Bobby's earned-run figure of 2.48 gave him third place in that department.

Shantz was named America's Outstanding Athlete by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association and was chosen as Sports' Man of the Year by Sports Magazine. His appearance in the 1952 Major League All Star game will never be forgotten. On a gray, rainy day, Little Bobby fanned "Whitey" Lockman, Jackie Robinson and Stan Musial in his one-inning stint on the mound.

Bobby suffered a broken wrist bone late in the season but now says that his arm is fine. Always popular with the players and fans, Shantz is the ace of one of the American League's better pitching staffs.

The 27-year-old Shantz is one of the smallest pitchers in baseball history, standing, 5'6 1/4" tall and weighing 139 pounds.

Those big guys aren't the only ones with muscles.





Joe making the tag in a close one on present teammate Eddie Robinson, then a member of the White Sox. (Photo by Philadelphia Inquirer)

The popular Astroth being presented with gifts by his former co-workers from Budd's.



Joe going after pop foul.

JOSEPH HENRY ASTROTH

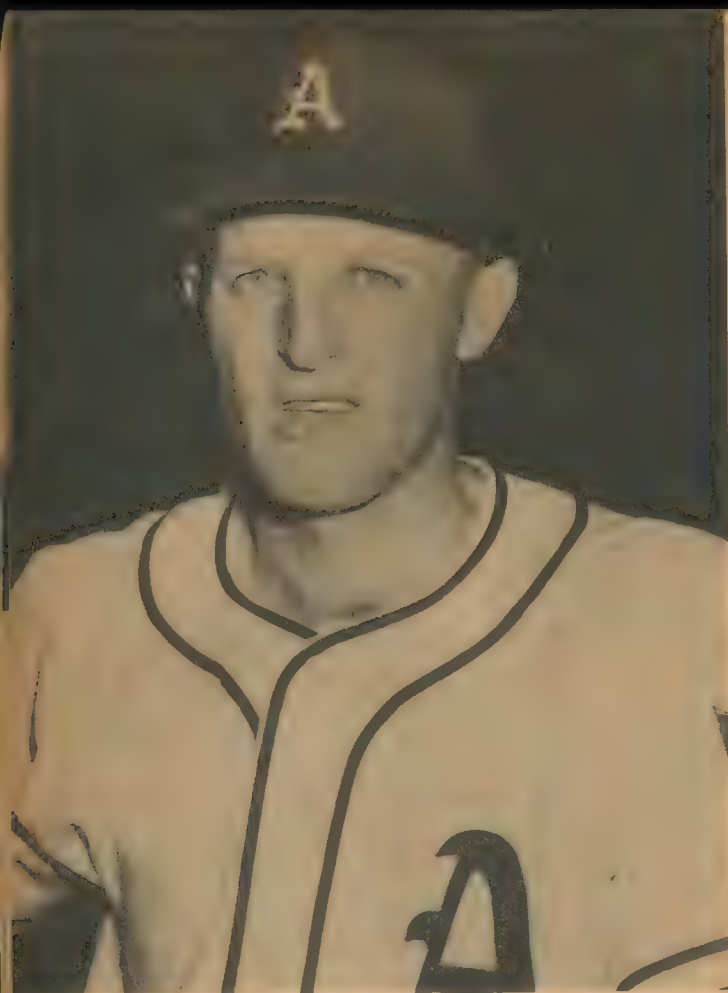
Capable Joe Astroth became the Athletics' first string catcher last season, when Tipton went to Cleveland. Joe did a wonderful job with the A's pitching staff during the closing months of the season and with added experience, is determined to do even better in 1953.

Astroth was born and raised in Alton, Illinois, and graduated from Wood River High School there in 1940. He attended the University of Illinois for a year, participating in Freshman football, basketball and baseball. Joe, who is 5' 10" and weighs 187 pounds, was captain of the basketball team.

Joe served in the Coast Guard during World War II and signed with the Athletics during the 1945 season. His best year was with Memphis in 1948 where he hit .352 and was voted to the All-Star Team.

Astroth and his pretty wife, Marge, with their son and daughter lived in Philadelphia the past winter where Joe, an accomplished After-Dinner speaker, was busy on the Banquet Circuit.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1944											
1945	Philadelphia	A. L.	10	17	1	1	0	0	0	0	.059
1945	Philadelphia	A. L.	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	.143
1946	Toronto	Int.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1946	Lancaster	I. S.	97	301	58	87	13	3	6	47	.289
1947	Savannah	Sally	141	475	81	133	22	6	7	76	.280
1948	Memphis	So. Assoc.	116	349	66	123	22	9	4	55	.352
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	55	148	18	36	4	1	0	12	.243
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	37	110	11	36	3	1	1	18	.327
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	64	187	30	46	10	2	2	19	.246
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	104	337	24	84	7	2	1	36	.249



"The Deacon"

RAYMOND LEE MURRAY

Ray Murray is set this season to battle for the A's first-string catching job.

"Deacon," as he is called by his team-mates, is confident he can better his 1952 batting mark of only .206.

Born in North Carolina, "Deac" now makes his home in mid-west city of Oklahoma where he works for a produce company during the off season.

The 6' 3", 200-pound catcher started his baseball career at Pocomoke City back in 1940 with his general manager being none other than the present GM of the Philadelphia Athletics, Arthur Ehlers.

Ray's best year came in 1949 with Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, of the Texas league, where he batted .319 in 123 games.

Murray with that pretty Texas lassie, his wife Jacque.



Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1940	Poco. City	E.Sh.	90	308	38	81	11	1	2	39	.263
1941	Tarboro	Coast.	75	283	37	91	14	1	0	34	.322
1942-43-44-45	Balt.	Int.	(... Military Service)								
1946	Baltimore	Int.	33	88	7	20	0	0	2	10	.227
1946	Okla. City	Tex.	42	130	11	33	2	3	2	15	.254
1947	Okla. City	Tex.	122	388	41	102	20	4	9	57	.263
1948	Cleveland	Amer.	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1948	Okla. City	Tex.	64	202	19	60	8	2	5	34	.297
1949	Okla. City	Tex.	123	430	65	137	44	4	16	94	.319
1950	Cleveland	Amer.	55	139	16	38	8	2	1	13	.273
1951	Cleveland Athletics	Amer.	41	123	10	27	6	0	0	14	.220
1952	Philadelphia	Amer.	44	136	14	28	5	0	1	10	.206

KEITH MARSHALL THOMAS

Kite Thomas is beginning his second full year with the Athletics. Last year he batted .250 for the A's in 75 games but came through with clutch hits several times to help the A's to their fourth place finish.

The 28 year old Navy veteran made the Texas League All-Star Team in 1950, and was drafted by the A's in November 1951 after a good season with Kansas City.

Kite is 6' 1½" tall, weighs 195 pounds. He attends Kansas State University during the off season and officiates football and basketball games.

Thomas is determined to break into the regular line-up in the wide open fight for outfield berths this season.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	RBI	BA
1947	Joplin	60	229	41	73	18	6	4	14	46	45	.319
1948	Quincy	125	479	87	150	24	7	17	54	95	99	.313
1949	Beaumont	134	469	66	128	23	4	23	61	72	80	.273
1950	Beaumont	149	552	109	156	42	8	16	97	76	111	.283
1951	Kansas City	138	471	59	133	24	6	14	60	62	81	.282
1952	Philadelphia	75	116	24	29	6	1	6	20	27	18	.250

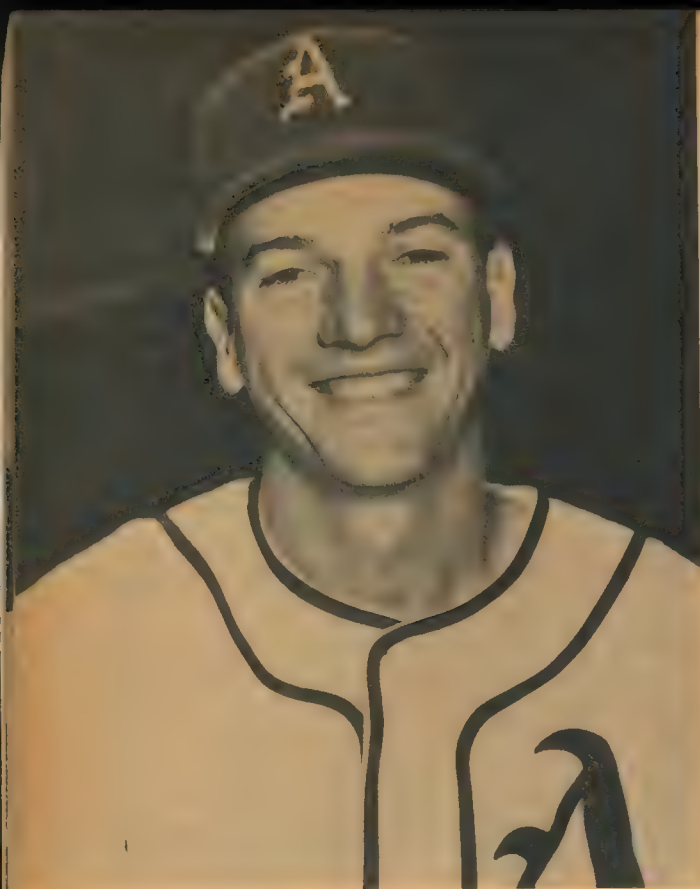


Manager Jimmie Dykes has a few words with Kite before he starts him in new position.

Keith used to be an outfielder.

Thomas gets few tips from Joe Astroth on how to handle catcher's mitt.





Hal was sensation before ankle injury last year.

HAROLD JOSEPH BEVAN

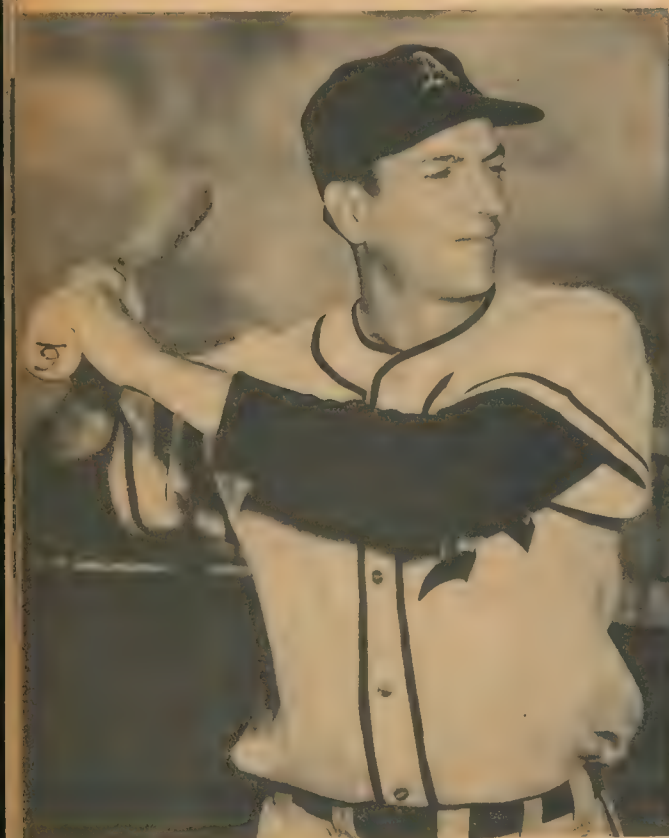
Purchased from the Boston Red Sox in May 1952, Hal Bevan became the hottest thing in the American League after being inserted in the line-up at third base by Manager Jimmie Dykes.

He batted .353 in 8 games with the A's and handled all chances in the field flawlessly before suffering a broken ankle while sliding at St. Louis.

Bevan was out for the remainder of the '52 season but came back strong this Spring and may be the regular third baseman this year.

He comes from New Orleans, La., is still only 22 years old. He is 6' 2½" tall and weighs 182 pounds.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	TB	RBI	BA
1948	Rehoboth Beach	E. Shore	37	144	19	39	54	13	.271
1949	Modesto	Calif.	98	379	66	125	171	56	.330
1950	Waco	Big State	58	224	49	88	112	41	.393
1950	Charleston	So. Atl.					(No Record)		
1950	New Orleans	So. Assoc.	65	232	30	55	68	12	.237
1951	New Orleans	So. Assoc.	150	580	71	166	219	68	.286
1952	Boston Phila. A's	Amer.	9	18	1	6	6	4	.333



Set for the fast one.

Giving that ankle the whirlpool treatment.



JOSEPH PAUL DEMAESTRI

Joe DeMaestri came to the A's in the Fain deal.

He has long been high in Jimmie Dykes' book. Dykes thinks that DeMaestri will be of invaluable help this season either to spell Joost at short or to take over the third base post.

Appearing in 81 games as a utility man for the St. Louis Browns last year, Joe batted .226.

He hails from San Amselmo, California. He stands 6' tall, weighs 174 pounds and is 24 years old.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1947	El Paso	Ariz.-Tex.	76	299	37	79	11	4	0	37	.264
1948	San Jose	Calif.	131	535	71	153	12	1	2	71	.286
1949	Oneonta	Can.-Amer.	137	501	84	138	27	15	11	94	.275
1950	Birmingham	So. Assoc.	143	569	72	161	18	6	3	58	.283
1951	Chicago	Amer.	56	74	8	15	0	2	1	3	.203
1952	St. Louis	Amer.	81	186	13	42	9	1	1	18	.226



A home at last.

De Maestri banging a long one in Spring game.



Joe displays his fielding skill.





Tom led Sally league in hitting last year.

THOMAS B. HAMILTON

Tom Hamilton came to the A's late last season after leading the Sally League in batting with Savannah, posting a nifty .342.

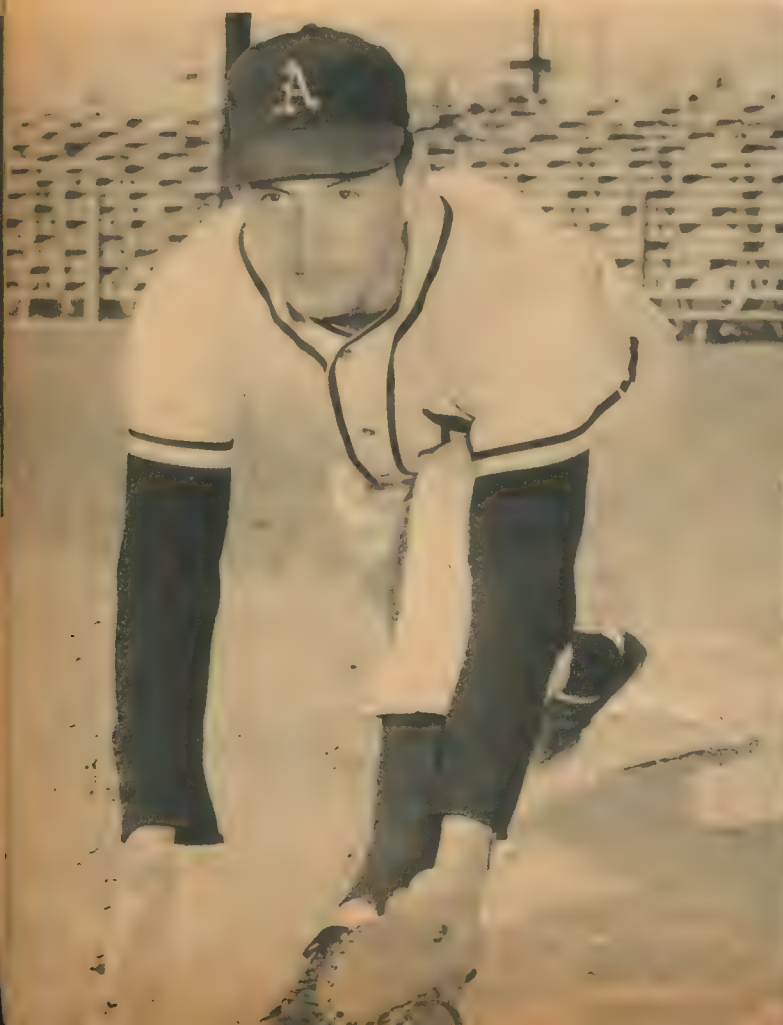
He was signed by the A's in 1950 after graduation from the University of Texas where he was chosen as the outstanding student of his class and also was a basketball star.

Big Tom tied for the Western League fielding leadership at first base with Lincoln in 1950. He stands 6' 3½" tall, weighs 213 pounds, is married, 27 years old and an army veteran.

Tom is considered an excellent prospect and even if he is not able to win the first base job this season, he should be of great help to the club with pinch-hitting chores.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1950	Lincoln	West.	150	547	97	161	24	5	10	88	.294
1951	Lincoln	West.	103	356	40	93	7	4	8	48	.261
1952	Savannah	Sally	151	572	91	196	24	5	9	81	.343

Stretching for a low one.



Throw it and duck.



Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1936	Cincinnati	N. L.	13	26	1	4	1	0	0	1	.154
1937	Syracuse	Int.	151	553	78	149	21	12	3	52	.269
1937	Cincinnati	N. L.	6	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	.083
1938	Kansas City	A. A.	145	578	96	167	33	6	5	70	.289
1939	Cincinnati	N. L.	42	143	23	36	6	3	0	14	.252
1940	Cincinnati	N. L.	88	278	24	60	7	2	1	24	.216
1941	Cincinnati	N. L.	152	537	67	136	25	4	4	40	.253
1942	Cincinnati	N. L.	142	562	65	126	30	3	6	41	.224
1943	Boston	N. L.	124	421	34	78	16	3	2	20	.185
1944	Boston	N. L.	(Voluntarily Retired)								
1945	Boston	N. L.	35	141	16	35	7	1	0	9	.248
1946	Rochester	Int.	143	493	85	136	35	5	19	101	.276
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	151	540	76	111	22	3	13	64	.206
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	135	509	99	127	22	2	16	55	.250
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	144	525	128	138	25	3	23	81	.263
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	131	476	79	111	12	3	18	58	.233
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	140	553	107	160	28	5	19	78	.289
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	146	540	94	132	26	3	20	75	.244

EDWIN DAVID JOOST

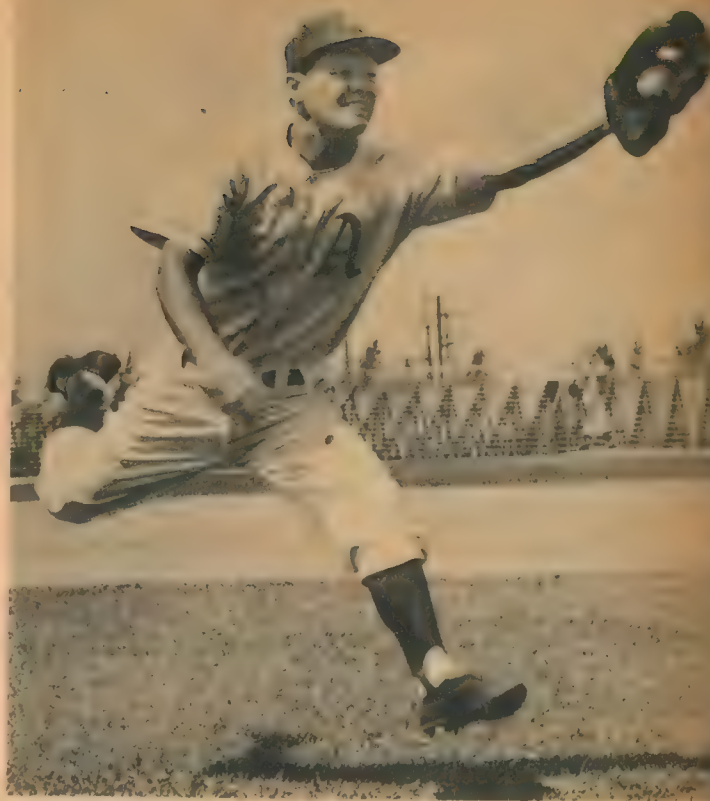
The inimitable Eddie Joost is all set for his fourteenth season in the Major Leagues.

Eddie — like old wine — seems to improve with age. At 36 he is considered by the A's officials and Jimmie Dykes as the finest shortstop in the American League.

Eddie has a fine throwing arm and plays shortstop in an effortless manner. His 20 Home Runs and 75 RBI's last season attest to his hitting ability.



The inimitable Eddie shows his favorite bat to Sluggers Eddie Robinson, left, and Gus Zernial, right.



Joost, one of the game's greatest shortstops, makes spectacular stab of line drive.

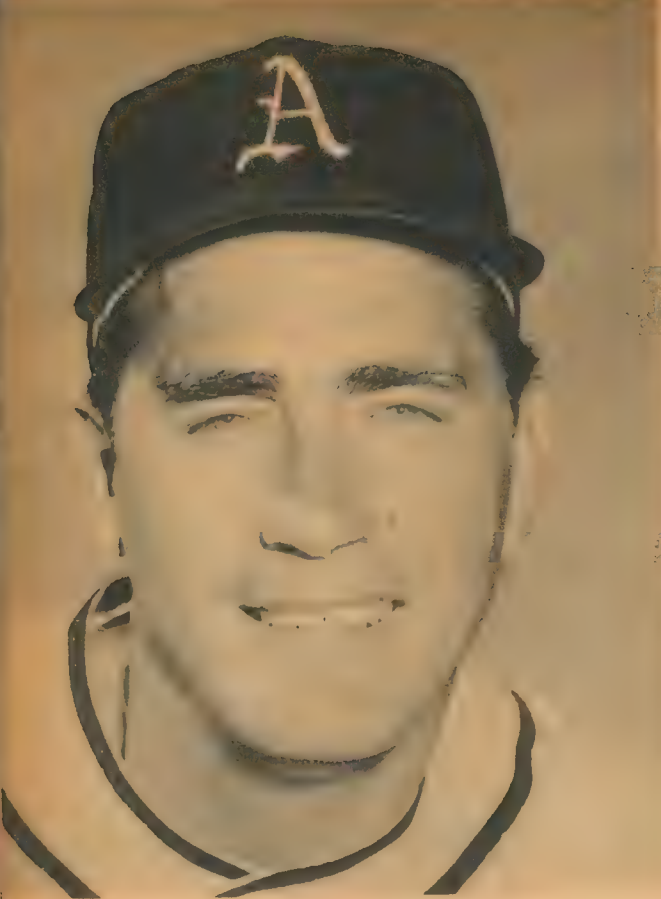
Joost helped to establish a new American League double-play record in 1949 when the A's made 217 twin killings.

The 6', 175 pound marvel is married and has four sons. He makes his home in Burlingame, California.

During the Winter, Joost was one of the most sought-after players in the league by opposing clubs, but General Manager Arthur Ehlers turned a deaf ear to all offers.

Eddie, being given the O.K. by Team Physician, Dr. I. I. Gopadze and Trainer "Packy" Schwartz after pre-season appendectomy.





Glad to be with A's.

DONALD M. KOLLOWAY

Don Kolloway was obtained from the Detroit Tigers in a January trade for third-baseman Billy Hitchcock.

Last season with the Tigers, Kolloway batted .243 in 65 games while alternating at first base, second base and third base.

Don may be the A's 1953 third baseman. If not, he will be a valuable man in a utility role.

He comes from Blue Island, Illinois, stands 6' 3" tall and weighs 190 lbs and is 34 years old.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1946	Chicago	Amer.	123	482	45	135	23	4	3	53	.280
1947	Chicago	Amer.	124	485	49	135	25	4	2	35	.278
1948	Chicago	Amer.	119	417	60	114	14	4	6	38	.273
1949	{ Chicago Detroit	Amer.	130	487	71	142	19	3	2	47	.292
1950	Detroit	Amer.	125	467	55	135	20	4	6	62	.289
1951	Detroit	Amer.	78	212	28	54	7	0	1	44	.252
1952	Detroit	Amer.	65	173	19	42	9	0	2	21	.243

Kolloway scores in Spring game against Senators.



CASSIMER EUGENE MICHAELS

Cass Michaels is "back home" under manager Jimmie Dykes and happy about it.

It is no secret that Manager Dykes has always thought highly of the play of Michaels and Cass seems to do his best under Jimmie.

Last season, after coming to the A's, Cass was sensational defensively and hit well, although his average for the season with Washington, St. Louis and the A's was only .252.

Athletic's officials during the winter predicted that Michaels in 1953 would be the best second baseman in the American League.

He is 5' 10" tall, weighs 175 pounds and is 27 years old.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	TB	RBI	BA
1945	Chicago	Amer.	129	445	47	109	133	54	.245
1946	Chicago	Amer.	91	291	37	75	86	22	.258
1947	Chicago	Amer.	110	355	31	97	129	34	.273
1948	Chicago	Amer.	145	484	47	120	159	56	.248
1949	Chicago	Amer.	154	561	73	173	236	83	.308
1950	{ Chicago Washington	Amer.	142	526	69	140	192	66	.266
1951	Washington	Amer.	138	485	59	125	165	45	.258
1952	{ Wash.-St Louis Philadelphia	Amer.	132	452	53	114	161	50	.252



Michaels smacks into Hoderlein, Washington infielder, to break up possible double play in 1952 game.

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IRA K. GOLDMAN

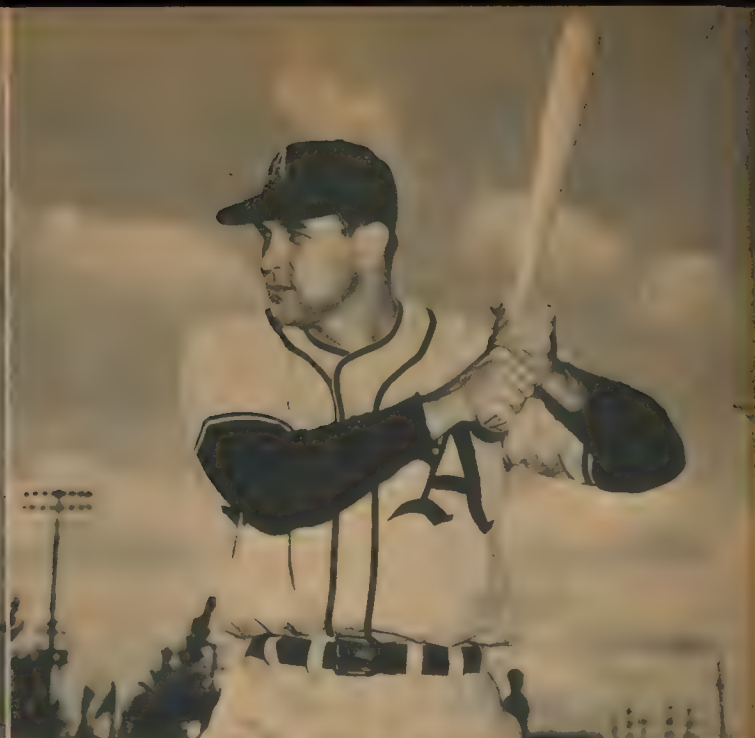
Cass takes throw too late as Nelson Fox of White Sox steals second.



Cass, the A's guardian of the keystone, set to take a throw.



Boy, that water really feels good after a hot workout!



Eddie gets set to blast one.

WILLIAM EDWARD ROBINSON

In Eddie Robinson, acquired in the Fain deal with Chicago, the A's now have another long-ball hitter to help Big Gus Zernial and Eddie Joost.

While batting .296 last year with the White Sox, Big Ed smacked 22 homers and batted in 104 runs.

He is expected to better all three figures in the more friendly home grounds of the A's in Shibe Park.

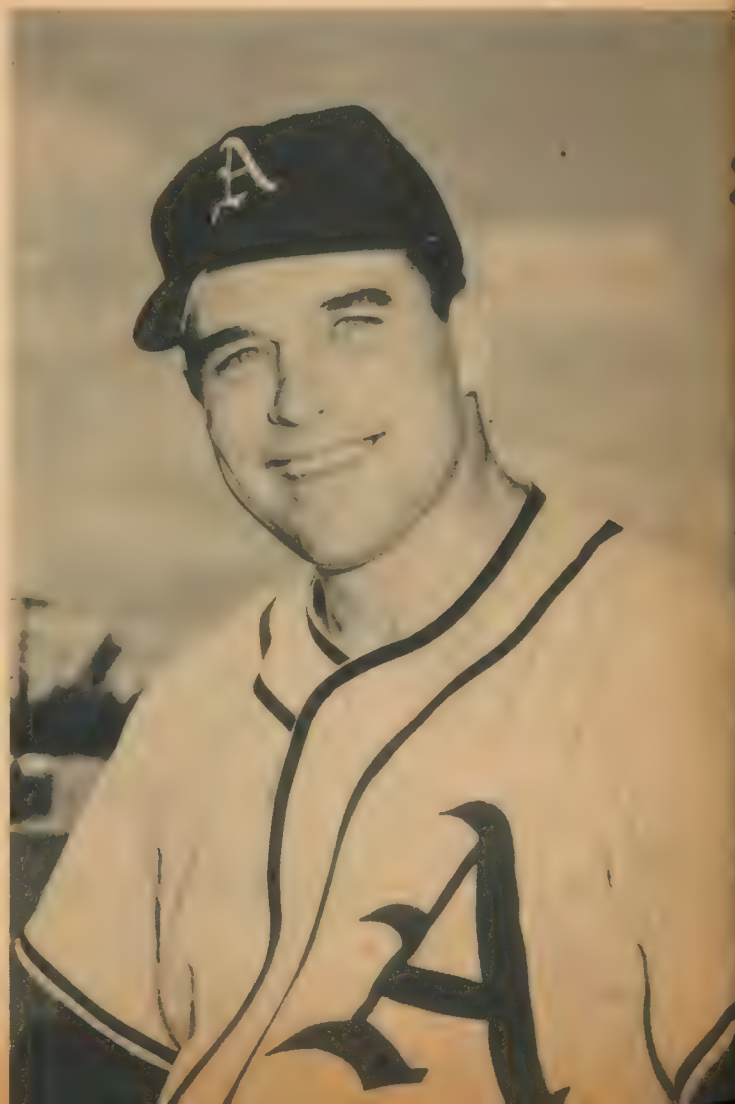
Though recognized as primarily a hitter, Robby tied for the record of making 2 unassisted double plays at first base in one season and also once participated in 6 double plays in one contest.

He participated in the 1948 World Series with Cleveland Indians against the Boston Braves, batting .300 in the feature.

Robinson was born in Paris, Texas — Dave Philley's home town — but now lives in Baltimore, Md. Robinson is 32 years old, stands 6' 2½" tall and weighs 205 pounds.

Ed came to the major leagues to stay in 1946, when he batted .407 in 7 games with the Indians.

Handsome, isn't he girls?



Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1939	Valdosta		136	518	58	129	22	7	7	88	.249
1940	Valdosta		137	569	90	184	20	21	8	105	.323
1941	Elmira		139	491	77	145	18	14	4	78	.295
1942	Baltimore		143	526	83	161	21	7	27	104	.306
1942	Cleveland		8	8	1	1	0	0	0	2	.125
1943-44-45			(In Military Service)								
1946	Baltimore		140	528	99	168	25	5	34	123	.318
1946	Cleveland		7	27	5	11	0	0	3	4	.407
1947	Cleveland		95	318	52	78	10	1	14	52	.245
1948	Cleveland		134	493	53	125	18	5	16	83	.254
1949	Washington		143	527	66	155	27	3	18	78	.294
1950	Wash.-Chi.		155	553	83	163	15	4	21	85	.295
1951	Chicago		151	564	85	159	23	5	29	117	.282
1952	Chicago		155	594	79	176	33	1	22	104	.296

PETER SUDER

Pete Suder is one of the real veterans on the A's roster —beginning his thirteenth season with the club — with the exception of two years in the military service during World War II.

Pete is considered one of the best glove men in the game. He helped to establish an all time record of 217 doubleplays in 1949.

He was drafted from Binghamton at the end of the 1940 season where he was voted the Eastern League's Most Valuable Player.

Suder comes from Aliquippa, Pa., and is 37 years old.



Suder, the handy-man.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1935	Washington	Pa. S.	100	384	49	113	17	13	2	46	.294
1936	Akron	M.-Atl.	125	511	88	158	33	8	18	84	.309
1937	Norfolk	Pied.	137	547	100	164	34	4	22	103	.300
1938	Binghamton	East.	135	539	73	150	23	5	10	97	.278
1939	Newark	Int.	42	148	14	35	5	3	2	17	.236
1939	Binghamton	East.	67	258	33	64	11	2	4	25	.248
1940	Binghamton	East.	140	571	73	172	25	6	16	78	.301
1941	Philadelphia	A. L.	139	531	45	130	20	9	4	52	.245
1942	Philadelphia	A. L.	128	476	46	122	20	4	4	54	.256
1943	Philadelphia	A. L.	131	475	30	105	14	5	3	41	.221
1944-45	Philadelphia	A. L.	(In Military Service)								
1946	Philadelphia	A. L.	128	455	38	128	20	3	2	50	.281
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	145	528	45	127	28	4	5	60	.241
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	148	519	64	125	23	5	7	60	.241
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	118	445	44	119	24	6	10	75	.267
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	77	248	34	61	10	0	8	35	.246
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	123	440	46	108	18	1	1	42	.245
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	74	228	22	55	7	2	1	20	.241

The veteran eludes Washington's Ken Wood and wings ball to first base for another double play.

(Philadelphia Bulletin photo)

Pete fights with Cass Michaels over keystone bag.





A pretty fair knocker.

ALFRED ALOYISIUS CLARK

Though out during most of the 1952 season with injuries, Allie Clark managed to bat a solid .274 in 71 games.

The 30-year-old outfielder is still shooting for a regular berth in the Athletics' line-up. This could very well be his year.

Clark built quite a reputation as a hitter in the Yankee organization at Newark, hitting .344 in 1946 and .334 in 1947. He went to the Yankees and participated in the 1947 World Series.

Allie came with the A's from Cleveland in May, 1951. He is the father of four daughters and one son, born the past January. He is 6' tall and weighs 185 pounds.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1941	Easton	E. Shore	70	268	38	87	17	6	7	47	.325
1941	Amsterdam	Can.-Am.	20	76	18	28	4	2	1	10	.368
1942	Norfolk	Pied.	129	506	70	166	34	8	8	76	.328
1942	Newark	Int.	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	.333
1943	Newark	Int.	24	73	2	16	1	0	0	7	.219
1943-44-45	Newark	Int.	(In Military Service)								
1946	Newark	Int.	97	352	64	121	17	6	14	70	.344
1947	Newark	Int.	110	437	79	146	27	9	23	86	.334
1947	New York	Amer.	24	67	9	25	5	0	1	14	.373
1948	Cleveland	Amer.	81	271	43	84	5	2	9	38	.310
1949	Cleveland	Amer.	35	74	8	13	4	0	1	9	.176
1949	San Diego	P. C.	42	149	19	44	6	1	11	39	.295
1950	Cleveland	Amer.	59	163	19	35	6	1	6	21	.215
1951	Cleveland	Amer.	59	171	23	43	12	1	5	25	.251
	Philadelphia										
1952	Philadelphia	Amer.	71	186	23	51	12	0	7	29	.274

Allie is out trying to score in Spring game with Senators.



WARREN EDW. MCGHEE

Ed McGhee, 26-year-old Arkansas athlete, came to the A's in January as the "Sleeper" in the celebrated Fain-Robinson deal.

Great things are expected from Ed this season after he batted .289 for Memphis last year and sparked the club to a play-off spot and eventually the Dixie Series championship in a series with Shreveport of the Texas League.

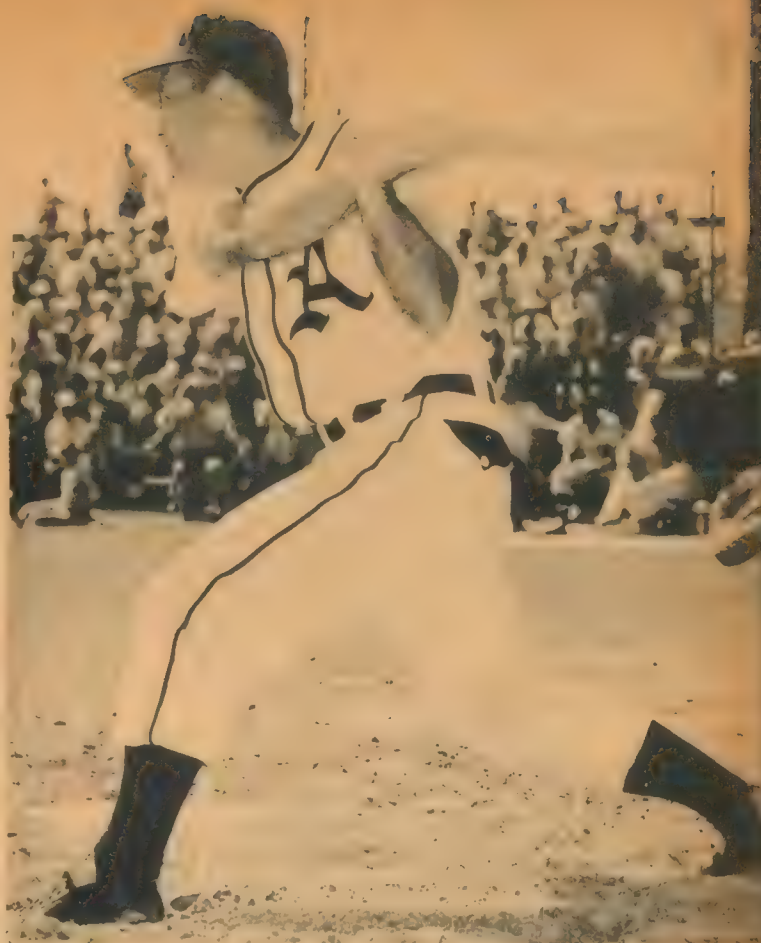
Observers in the Southern Association tabbed McGhee as the best player in the circuit last season.

Ed batted a hefty .332 for Memphis in 1950. He is married and attends Arkansas State College in the winter.

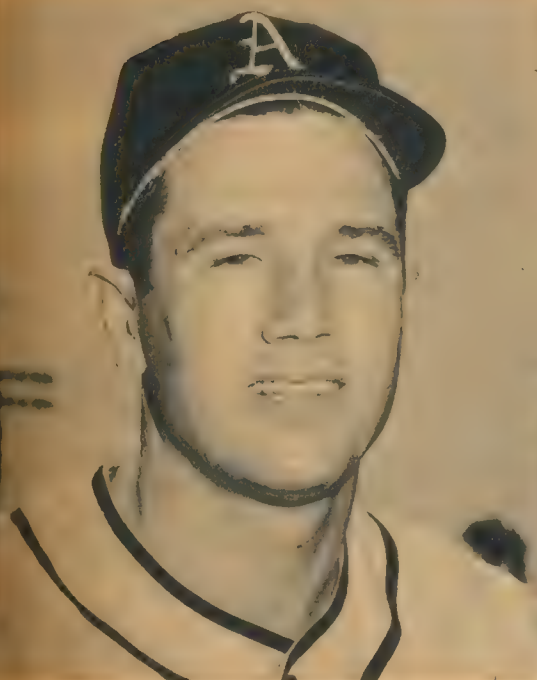
Besides his wife, Ed has three other reasons why he figures to go all-out in gaining a regular outfield spot with the A's. They are two sons and a daughter.

Jimmie Dykes expects the 5' 10½", 176 pound speedster to cover the center field spot this year.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1948	Hot Springs		122	461	84	126	26	11	9	81	.273
1949	Waterloo		122	428	71	127	23	6	12	88	.297
1950	Memphis		144	509	97	169	31	11	17	91	.332
1951	Indianapolis		32	144	29	51	3	7	8	16	.354
1951	Seattle		38	114	13	27	4	3	1	12	.237
1951	Memphis		38	142	26	45	12	3	3	20	.317
1952	Memphis		150	539	102	156	27	9	13	86	.289



McGhee lashes first hit in A's uniform against Washington in Spring game.



A fine young fly-chaser.



Ed is determined to break into that outfield.

DAVID EARLE PHILLEY

One of the most consistent players on the A's roster is Dave Philley, the hustling center-fielder who participated in 151 games last year, while batting .263 and driving in 71 runs.

Dave is one of the few successful switch hitters in the majors and has good power from either side of the plate.

Possessing one of the best arms in baseball, Philley is well respected in the league by opposing base runners.

Dave was born in Paris, Texas, on May 16, 1920 and still lives in Paris during the off season where he is engaged in cattle raising.

The 6', 190 pound speedster is one of the game's best competitors. When not playing baseball, he likes to hunt and fish.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1940	Marshall	E. Tex.	125	496	74	131	24	8	4	45	.264
1941	Monroe	Cor. St.	124	503	109	174	27	5	16	110	.346
1941	Shreveport	Tex.	6	10	1	1	0	0	0	1	.100
1941	Chicago	Amer.	7	9	4	2	1	0	0	0	.222
1942	St. Paul	A. A.	56	173	28	41	12	2	0	13	.237
1942-43-44-45	Chicago	Amer.	(In Military Service)								
1946	Milwaukee	A. A.	130	507	85	167	33	10	13	93	.329
1946	Chicago	Amer.	17	68	10	24	2	3	0	17	.353
1947	Chicago	Amer.	143	551	55	142	25	11	2	45	.258
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1951	Chicago	Amer.	132	493	71	129	20	7	7	61	.262
	Philadelphia										
1952	Philadelphia	Amer.	151	586	80	154	25	4	7	71	.263



Beating out a bunt against Browns.

Dave scores against Washington.



A reliable center gardener.



ELMER WILLIAM VALO

The "Mr. Hustle" of the Athletics is Elmer Valo, one of the most popular players ever to appear in a Philadelphia uniform. Elmer has been a member of the A's organization since he signed his first professional contract with Federalsburg, Md., in 1939.

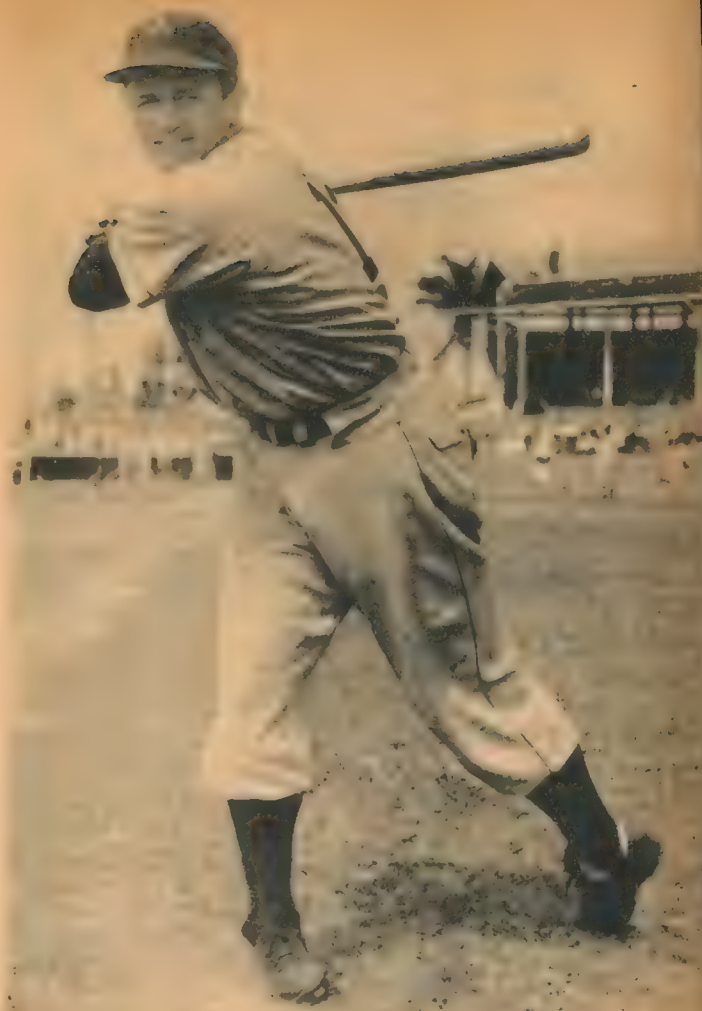
He came up to stay with the A's at the end of the 1941 season and hit .420 in 15 games

Last year Elmer batted a solid .281 though handicapped with injuries. He has hit over .300 four times during his stay with the A's. Valo is from Palmerton, Pa. He is 5' 10" tall and weighs 189 pounds, and is 30 years old.

He enlisted in the Army in 1943 and was discharged as Lieutenant in 1946.

During the off season he is busy with speaking engagements and officiating basketball games.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1941	Philadelphia	A. L.	15	50	13	21	0	1	2	6	.420
1942	Philadelphia	A. L.	133	459	64	115	13	10	2	40	.251
1943	Philadelphia	A. L.	77	249	31	55	6	2	3	18	.221
1944-45	Phila.	A. L.	(In Military Service)								
1946	Philadelphia	A. L.	108	348	59	107	21	6	1	31	.307
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	112	370	60	111	12	6	5	36	.300
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	113	383	72	117	17	4	3	46	.305
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	150	547	86	153	27	12	5	85	.283
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	129	446	62	125	16	5	10	46	.280
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	123	444	75	134	27	8	7	55	.302
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	129	388	69	109	26	4	5	47	.281



Elmer smacking one in spring training practice.



Valo with other Athletics fly-chasers, Allie Clark, Ed McGhee and Dave Philley.

The pride of Palmerton breaking up attempted double play against Senators.





GUS EDWARD ZERNIAL

One of the most determined men in the A's training camp at West Palm Beach, Fla., this Spring was Big Gus Zernial, the long ball hitting left fielder of the A's.

Although Gus placed 29 homers and batted in an even 100 runs, he did not consider it one of his better years and he is working hard to up his .262 batting average.

Ozark Ike—as he is called by his team-mates—is of Dutch, German descent. He saw action in the Navy in World War II and now makes his home with his wife in Inglewood, California. One of the most powerful hitters in baseball, Gus stands 6' 3" and weighs 210 pounds. He is 30 years old.

Despite his great size, Zernial does a good job in the outfield.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1942	Waycross	Ga.-Fla.	95	367	54	105	25	4	3	49	.286
1943-44-45	Atlanta	South.	(In Military Service)								
1946	Burlington	Carol.	137	501	114	167	29	3	41	111	.333
1947	Baltimore	Int.	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1947	Hollywood	P. C.	120	372	61	128	17	6	12	77	.344
1948	Hollywood	P. C.	186	737	130	237	47	7	40	156	.322
1949	Chicago	Amer.	73	198	29	63	17	2	5	38	.318
1950	Chicago	Amer.	143	543	75	152	16	4	29	93	.280
1951	{ Chicago Philadelphia	Amer.	143	571	92	153	30	5	33	129	.268
1952	Philadelphia	Amer.	145	549	76	144	15	1	29	100	.262

Big Gus with the two ladies in his life, wife Gladys and daughter, Susan.

No wonder those American League pitchers tremble with fear!

The Big Boy crossing the plate after banging another four-bagger against the White Sox—this time with the bases loaded! (Photo by Philadelphia Inquirer)



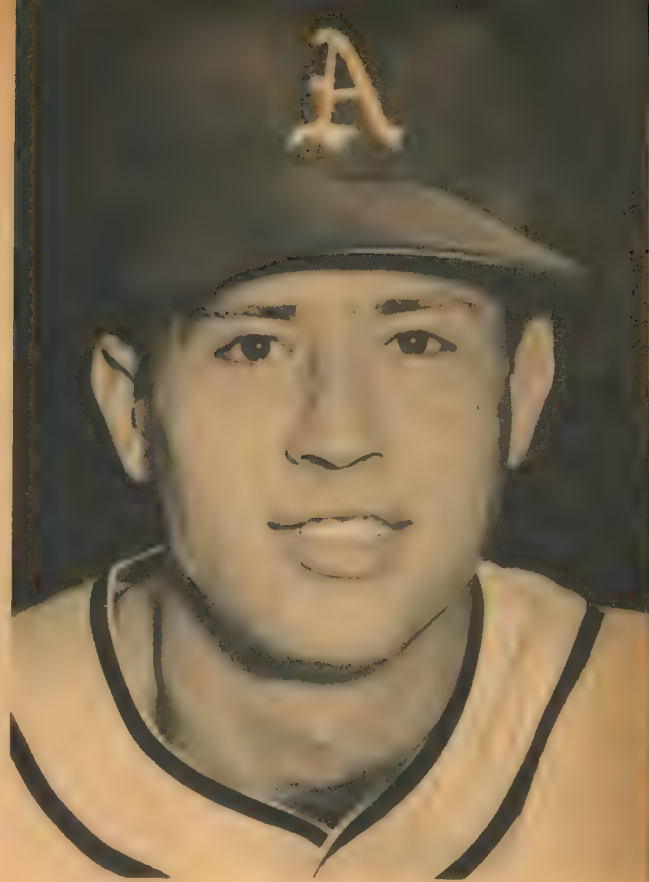
CHARLES FULLER BISHOP

Charlie Bishop was brought up to the A's late last season after posting a 12-10 record with the Ottawa club of the International League. His ERA was 3.64 and he had 116 strike-outs.

He won 2 and lost 2 with the A's and figures prominently in manager Dykes' 1953 pitching plans.

Bishop is a native of Atlanta, Ga., is 29 years old, 6' 2½" tall and weighs 195 pounds.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1947	Omaha	West.	28	153	6	8	.429	159	112	4.12
1948	Lynchburg	Pied.	29	191	13	9	.591	133	77	2.64
1949	Lynchburg	Pied.	20	123	10	5	.667	97	71	4.17
1950	Sioux City	West.	32	222	16	9	.640	186	121	4.09
1951	Oakland	Pac. Coast	15	52	2	8	.200	64	40	5.88
1952	Ottawa	Int.								
	Philadelphia	Amer.	6	31	2	2	.500	29	24	6.46



FRANK J. FANOVICH

Frank Fanovich comes to the A's after playing with Savannah and Ottawa in 1952.

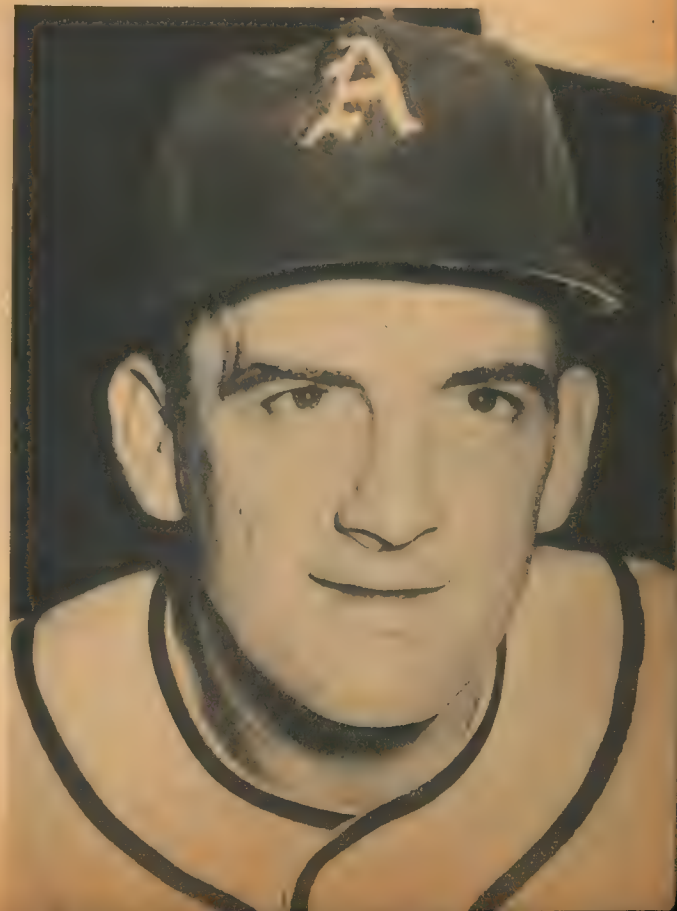
He won 6 and lost 4 at Savannah in the Sally League and turned in an excellent 2.82 ERA.

Fanovich played winter ball in Venezuela the past winter and is determined to make a bid for a spot on the 1953 A's pitching staff.

Frank comes from the Bronx, N.Y., is 30 years old, stands 5' 11" and weighs 180 pounds.

He is a left hander.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1947	Watertown	Border	23	164	16	3	.842	119	52	2.41
1948	Syracuse	Int.	29	181	9	13	.409	179	97	4.08
1949	Cincinnati	Nat.	29	43	0	2	.000	44	31	5.44
1950	Minneapolis	Amer. Assoc.	21	104	8	5	.615	95	63	4.50
1951	Minneapolis	Amer. Assoc.	26	114	7	12	.368	114	75	5.53
1952	Savannah	So. Atl.	15	99	6	4	.600	67	35	2.82



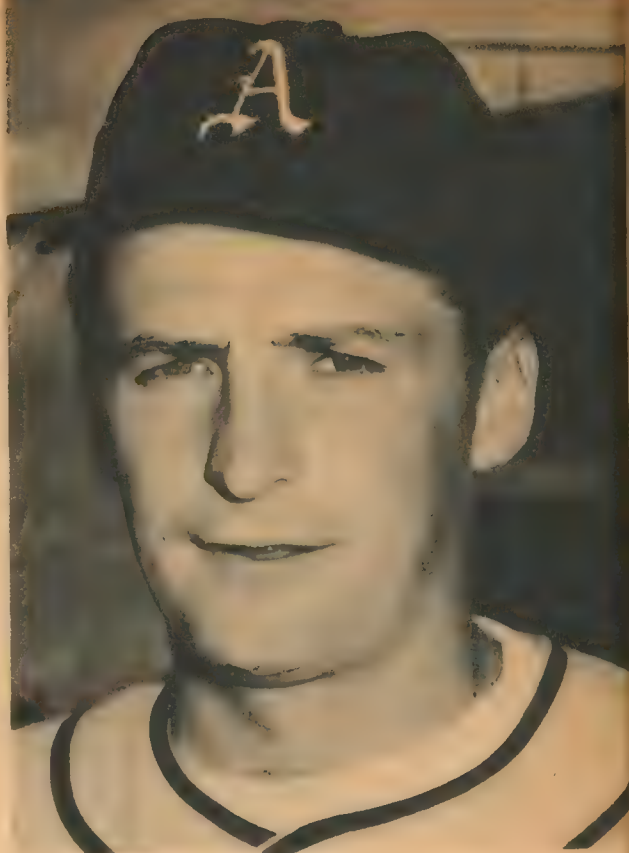
EDWARD F. MONAHAN

Ed Monahan was the first choice of General Manager Arthur Ehlers in the annual winter draft meeting.

Ehlers picked up Monahan from the New York Giants' organizations where last year with Jacksonville of the Sally League, he won 17 and lost 13. His ERA was 3.01.

Ed is from Brooklyn, N. Y., is 24 years old, stands 6' 1" and weighs 195 pounds.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1949	Oshkosh	Wis. St.	24	153	10	8	.556	125	74	3.65
1950	Trenton	Inter-St.	30	222	13	11	.542	190	104	3.24
1951	Sioux City	West.	26	135	6	12	.333	132	84	4.67
1952	Jacksonville	Sally	38	236	17	13	.567	186	99	3.01



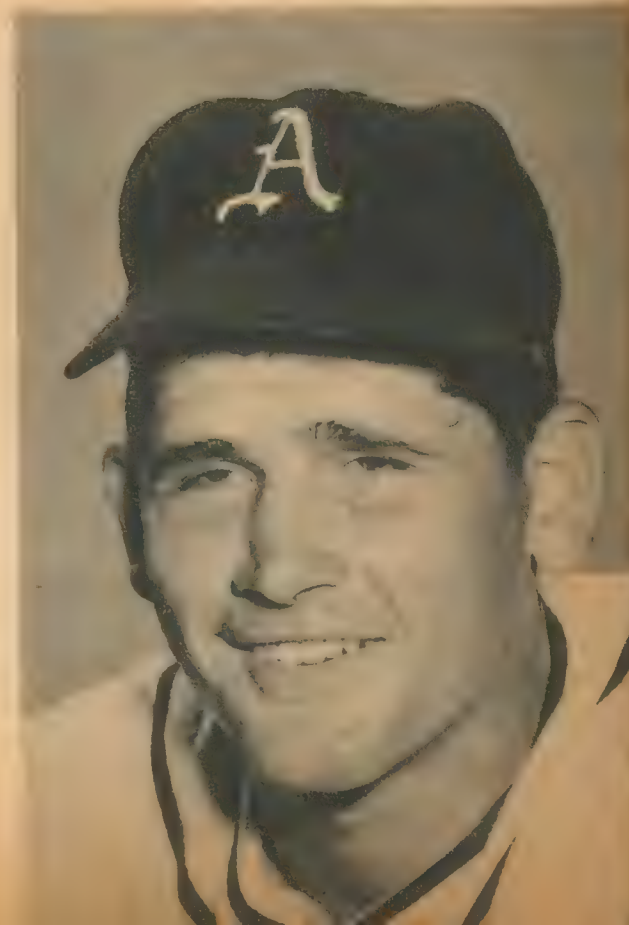
WALTER JOE KELLNER

Walter Kellner returned to the A's late last season after almost two years in the United States Armed Forces. He appeared in only 1 game in 1952.

The younger brother of left-hander Alex Kellner, Walter is right handed and is the same size as his brother at 6' -- 205 pounds.

Walter's only full season of professional baseball was in 1950 with the A's farm club at Lincoln, Neb., in the Western League. The 24 year old hurler hails from Tucson, Arizona.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1950	Lincoln	West.	31	131	3	14	.176	133	105	5.70
1951	N. D. S.									
1952	Philadelphia	Amer.	1	4	0	1	1.000	4	3	6.75

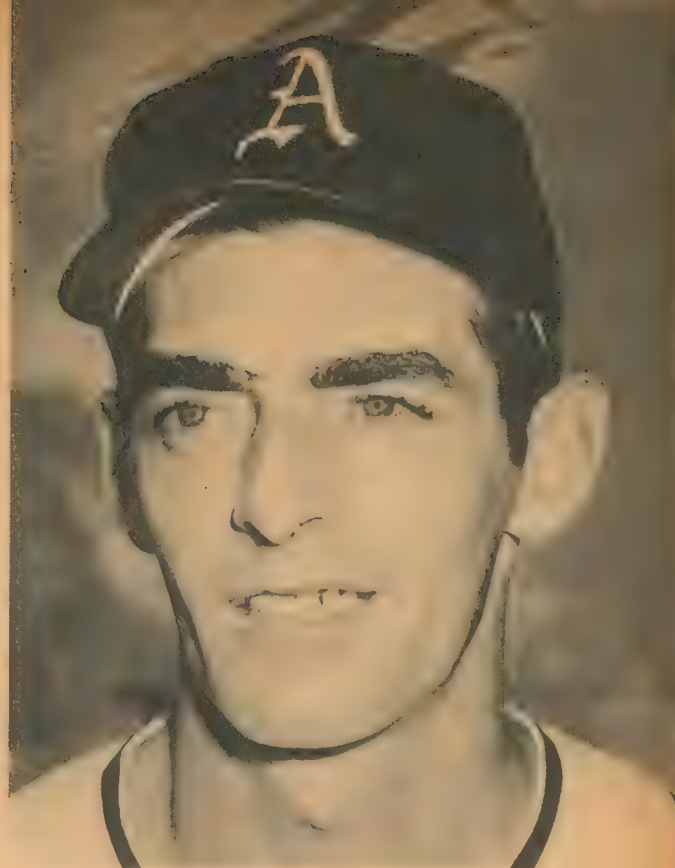


JOHN JAMES MACKINSON

John Mackinson was purchased from Birmingham of the Southern Association after winning 16 and losing 14 with the last place club last year.

He played ball the past winter in the Venezuelan Winter League.

John is another Pennsylvanian, coming from Sunbury. He is 28 years old, stands 5' 10" and weighs 162 pounds.



Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1946	Sunbury	Inter-State	28	190	14	10	.583	180	102	3.88
1947	Beaumont	Tex.	31	170	10	10	.500	76	132	3.29
1948	Kansas City	A. A.	27	61	5	4	.556	64	44	5.02
1949	Binghamton	East.	24	132	9	7	.563	102	78	4.57
1950	Muskegon	Can.	24	186	12	9	.571	147	80	3.39
1951	Beaumont	Tex.	32	243	15	13	.536	238	98	3.33
1952	Birmingham	So. Assoc.	44	230	16	14	.533	226	114	3.91

Farm System and Scouts

General Manager Arthur Ehlers re-grouped the Athletics minor league farm system during the winter, reducing the clubs to eight—three owned outright and five working agreements.

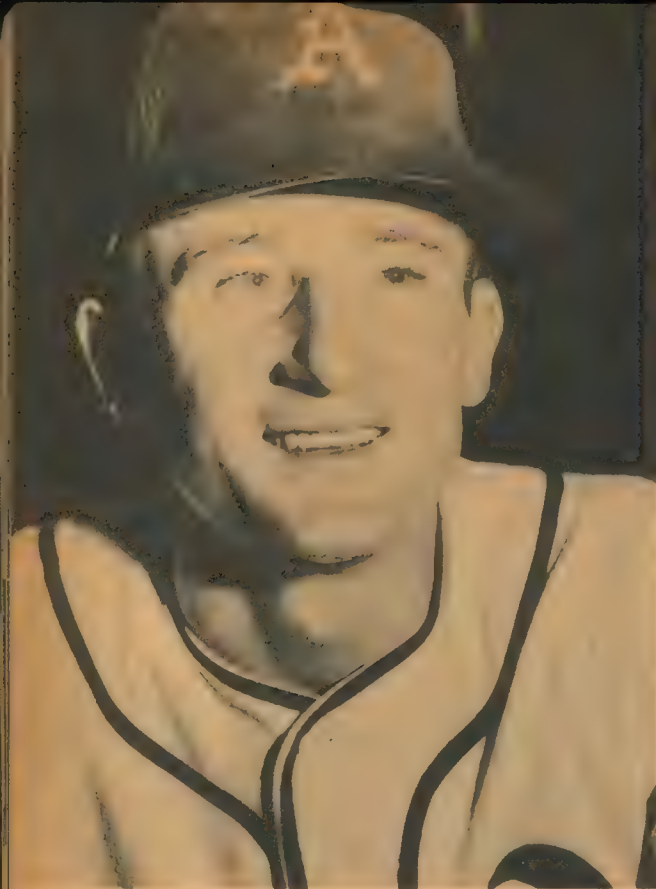
The most important change was the purchase of the Williamsport Club of the Eastern League to replace the Lincoln, Neb., Club of the Western League which was dropped by the A's.

Other clubs owned by the Athletics are Ottawa of the Triple A International League and Savannah of the Class A South Atlantic League.

Working agreements include: Fayetteville of the Class B Carolina League—which was owned outright by the A's last year; St. Hyacinthe, Que., Can., of the Class

C Provincial League; and the following Class D Clubs: Cordele, Ga., of the Georgia-Florida League; Welch, W. Va., of the Appalachian League; Hopkinsville, Ky., of the Kitty League.

The A's scouting list is studded with well-known baseball personalities, all capable and experienced. They include the great catcher on Mr. Mack's early pennant teams, Ira F. Thomas; Joseph Boley, who played on the 1929-30-31 winners; Russell A. "Lena" Blackburne, former major league manager; Bernard Guest, Richard Lloyd, Herbert Strunk, Eddie Onslow, Red Norris, Cal Lepore, John Brennan, Joseph O'Rourke, Pat Donahue, William Beckmann, Russell Schon, Judy Johnson and John "Poke" Whalen.



WILLIAM W. HARRINGTON

Bill Harrington was another youngster brought up by the A's late in 1952 after having a good year with one of the farm clubs.

He won 19 and lost 12 while compiling a 2.68 ERA with Savannah of the Sally League.

Harrington comes from Garner, N. C., is 5' 11", weighs 160 pounds, and is 23 years old.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1949	Red Springs	Tob. State	38	234	17	11	.607	250	120	3.85
1950	Fayetteville	Carolina	26	198	10	10	.500	178	73	2.73
1951	Fayetteville	Carolina	38	228	14	14	.500	216	103	3.36
1952	Savannah	So. Atl.	34	292	19	12	.613	234	87	2.68

EDWARD HRABCSAK

Big Ed Hrabcsak comes to the A's from the Lincoln, Nebraska, Western League farm club where he won 13 and lost 8 last year.

Ed was born in Cannonsburg, Pa., and graduated from Cecil, Pa., High School in 1942 where he captained the football and basketball teams in his senior year.

He started with Ozark, Ala., in 1947 and was drafted by the A's in 1949 after leading the Colonial League with 234 strike-outs and posting a 19-7 record. Hrabcsak is 6' 4", weighs 215 pounds and now lives in Danbury, Conn.

He is a Navy veteran of World War II.



Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ERA
1947	Ozark	Ala., S.	24	152	11	8	.579	157	90	3.85
1948	Knoxville	Tri-St.	38	150	6	8	.429	157	103	4.92
1949	Stamford	Colonial	35	226	19	7	.731	188	78	3.54
1950	Savannah	Sally	28	151	9	8	.529	134	62	3.22
1951	Savannah	Sally	24	148	9	11	.450	122	76	3.41
1952	Lincoln	West.	27	173	13	8	.619	173	85	3.75

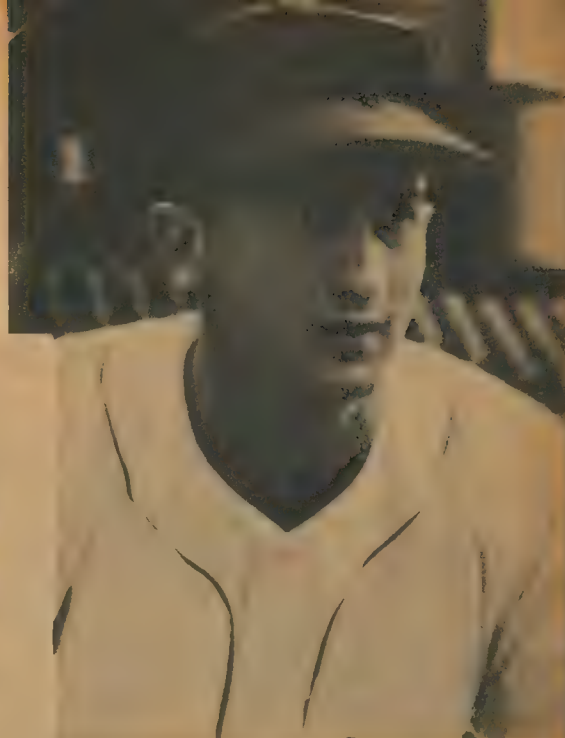
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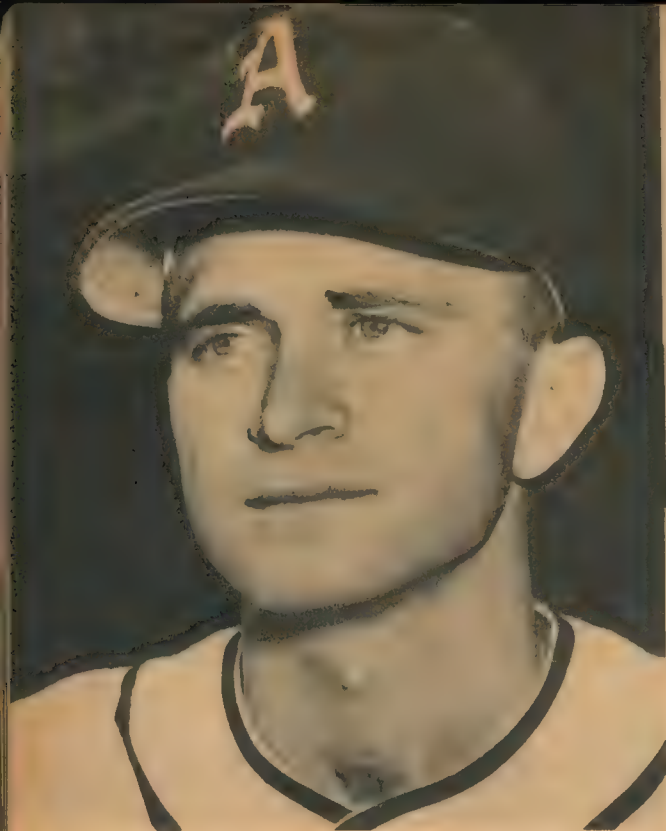


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Bobby Shantz, the ace left-hander of the Athletics, who won 24 and lost 7 last year to become the American League's Most Valuable Player.



Shantz signs his 1953 contract under the supervision of General Manager Arthur Ehlert to become the highest paid pitcher in the history of the Athletics.

Shantz is always popular with the fans and amateur photographers.



During the winter Bobby was named the "Outstanding Athlete of the Year for 1952" by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association. Above he is being congratulated by great Philadelphia Athletics' player of yesteryear, Al Simmons.



The little left-hander engages in a bit of by-play with pitchers Harry Byrd, left, and Bobo Newsom.



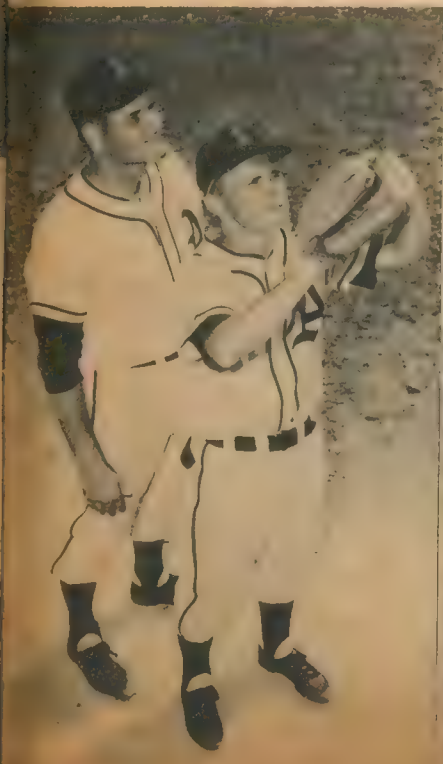
At an official weighing-in last season conducted by Fred Humphry, of the Philadelphia Bureau of Weights and Measures, Shantz tipped the scales at 139 lbs. Watching the proceedings is Manager Jimmie Dykes.

The American League's Most Valuable Player

The American League's Most Valuable Player shown with the American League's Rookie of the Year, Harry Byrd.

At the West Palm Beach training base, Bobby takes time out from practice for a whirl around the park on the ground keeper's tractor.

Shantz displays his form which makes him probably the greatest left-hander in baseball today.



A Spring Training Day

Many think that the life of a big league manager is a bed of roses, that all he has to do is sit on the bench and flash a few signals.

To disprove this line of thinking, Photographer Jack Snyder was assigned to record in pictures a full day in the life of Manager Jimmie Dykes in spring training at West Palm Beach, Fla., with the Athletics.

Following are the results.



1. After an 8 o'clock call, Jimmie is in the dining room of the hotel by 8:30 A. M. He insists that all players do the same.



2. While waiting for transportation to Connie Mack Field, Dykes chats with one of his veteran pitchers, Bobo Newsom, about the scheduled afternoon game.



3. Doing some heavy thinking about the line-up for today.



4. Dykes gives instructions to coaches (l. to r.) Wally Moses, Bing Miller, and Chief Bender.

With A Manager



5. A pre-game club house meeting is held with Sir James presiding. The line-up of the opposing team is studied with particular emphasis being placed upon how to pitch enemy batters.



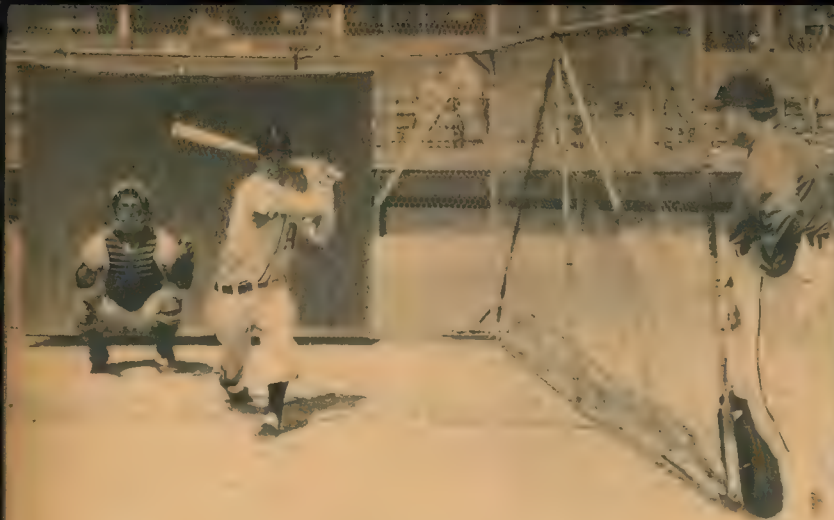
6. After club house meeting, Dykes welcomes three new men to club. Left to right Ed Robinson, Ed McGhee, and Joe De Maestri all obtained from Chicago in winter deal.



7. Before going on field, Jimmie huddles with team physician, Doctor Gopadze (middle) and General Manager, Arthur Ehlers (right) about an injured player.



8. As he passes box seats, the A's manager is greeted by the Grand Old Man of Baseball and Club President, Connie Mack.



9. Dykes studies batting technique of one of the many rookies 'carried south by the A's for spring training.



10. Manager Dykes makes a point about one of the youngsters to General Manager, Arthur Ehlers and Executive VicePresident, Roy Mack.



11. During batting practice, the popular A's leader is paid a social call by two young admirers, Buzzy Kelly, left, and Richie Kelly, right, sons of the Philadelphia newspaper man, Ray Kelly.



12. Dykes shares an amusing story with bat-boy, Jim Gladulich, down from Philadelphia for the spring games.

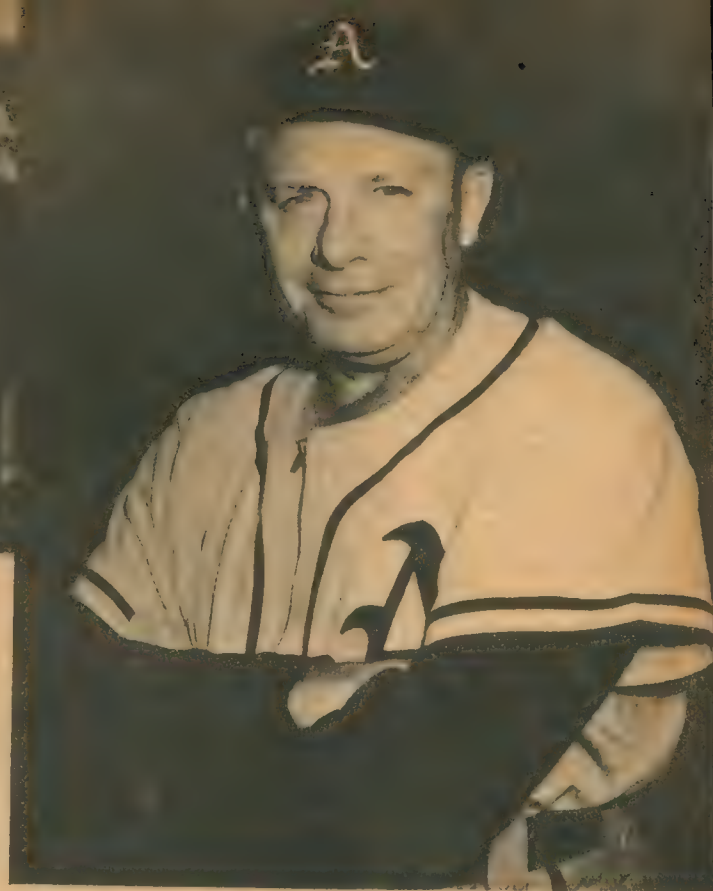


13. Sir Jimmie and Connie Mack are interested as coach Chief Bender demonstrates his grip of his famous fast ball.



14. Before game, Jimmie goes over ground rules with American League umpires, Larry Napp, left, and Hank Soar, right.

16. After game, the A's manager goes over plans for next day with his coaching staff.



15. Dykes flashes smile as game goes his way.



17. After dinner, Jimmie takes part in a quiet and friendly game of cards with veterans Eddie Joost and Pete Suder.

18. After a very busy day, Dykes takes time out for some reading before retiring.



A's Photo Album

PLAY BALL! The 1953 spring training seasons gets under way at West Palm Beach, Fla., as Mayor Williams throws out the first ball.



SAD MOMENT FOR A'S. Bobby Shantz falls to ground after being struck above left wrist with pitch delivered by Washington's Walter Masterson last September.

(Phila. Bulletin Photo)

AYTA BOY EDDIE! Eddie Joost is greeted at third base by Manager Jimmie Dykes after slamming home-run in game last season.

(Phila., Inquirer Photo)



PEEK-A-BOO! Little Susan Zernial takes a peek at photographer between her mother, Gladys, right, and Pat Hamilton as the wives show up to watch their husbands practice. At left are Mary Byrd and Dolores Hrabcsak.



THE YOUNGSTERS LISTEN. Bobo entertains with after-dinner hotel lobby yarns.





HERE YOU ARE EDDIE! Eddie Robinson gets brand new uniform from clubhouse manager Howard "Yits" Crompton after coming to A's from White Sox.

IT WAS TOO A TRIPLE. Manager Jimmie Dykes questions umpire Ed Hurley's ruling that an A's player's triple was only a double under ground rules.



SIGN MINE TOO. Connie Mack is swamped by feminine autograph seekers at the West Palm Beach training base.



SOMETHING FISHY HERE! Coach Wally Moses, General Manager Arthur Ehlers, and Coach Bing Miller, left to right, display a sail fish after spring fishing trip. (Dependable sources say the boys borrowed fish after returning empty handed.)



THE HURLERS GETTING READY. A's pitchers line up for early spring throwing work out.



PHILLEY IS ON THE LOOSE! Dave Philley is pursued by teammates as he charges umpire Hank Sear (back turned) after latter called Dave out for stepping from batter's box on bunt in a game last season.

LOT OF BALL PLAYERS. Athletics players go through spring work out at Connie Mack field in West Palm Beach as fans look on.

THIS ONE IS BEST. Tommy Clark, Director of Public Relations, goes over group of pictures with assistant Kay Dougherty while at work on the book you are now reading.

YOU'RE WRONG UMPI! Eddie Joost tells off umpire in exciting game last year.

(Phila. Inquirer Photo)

ALL'S WELL NOW. Hal Bevan, Bobby Shantz, Morrie Martin, left to right, display their injuries of last season, now completely healed.

THE BOSS IS SURPRISED. Jimmie Dykes is surprised as he opens Christmas presents at Connie Mack Stadium office. That cap is a present too.

(Phila. Bulletin Photo)





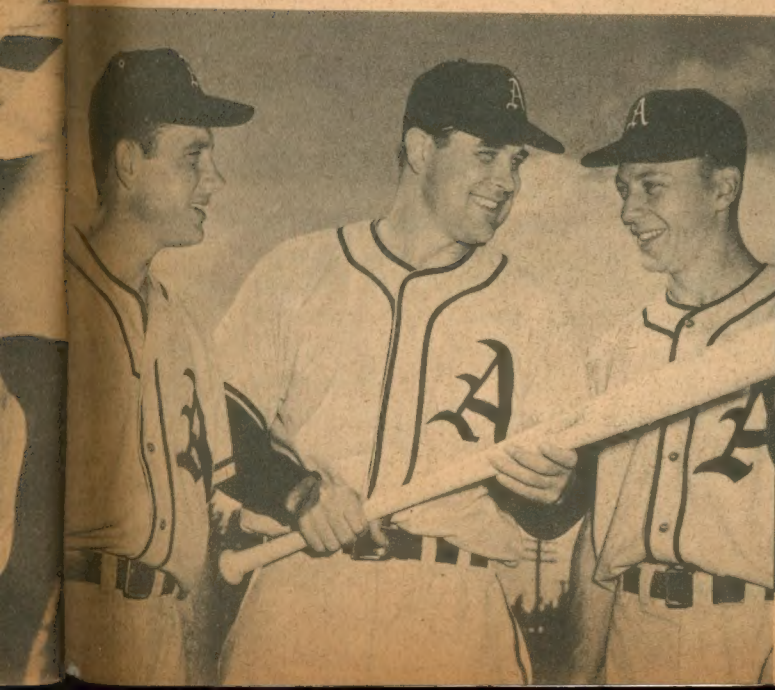
I MET MR. MACK! William Berens of Philadelphia is introduced to Connie Mack in spring training. Berens won a free trip to Florida by polling the most number of votes in a Daily News contest.

WE LIKE YOU, BOBBY! Bobby Shantz is honored before game last year. On his right, front row, are his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Shantz and wife, Shirley.



GLAD TO BE WITH A'S. Ed McGhee, Eddie Robinson and Joe DeMaestri, left to right, smile happily as they don A's uniform for first time.

GOOD TICKET SALE TODAY! Dave Keefe, Traveling Secretary, and Caroline Crompton, office assistant, go over the ticket sales at a spring training game.



Play Ball

ATHLETICS AT HOME—1953

April 16, 17 Boston
 April 18, 19-19* New York
 May 8N, 9, 10-10* Washington
 May 12N, 13N St. Louis
 May 14N, 15N, 16 Detroit
 May 17-17* Cleveland
 May 19N, 20N Chicago
 May 26N, 27N, 28 Boston
 May 29, 30-30** New York
 June 16N, 17N, 18N Cleveland
 June 19N, 20, 21-21* Chicago
 June 23N, 24N, 25N Detroit
 June 26N, 27, 28-28* St. Louis
 June 30N, July 1N, 2N Washington

July 5* Boston
 July 6N New York
 July 28N, 29N, 30N St. Louis
 July 31N, August 1, 2-2* Cleveland
 Aug. 4N, 5N, 6 Chicago
 Aug. 7N, 8, 9-9* Detroit
 Aug. 11N, 12N, 13N Boston
 Aug. 14N, 15, 16-16* New York
 Sept. 5N, 6* Boston
 Sept. 7-7** Washington
 Sept. 9N Detroit
 Sept. 11N, 12 Chicago
 Sept. 13-13* St. Louis
 Sept. 16N, 17N Cleveland
 Sept. 20-20* Washington

N Denotes Night Games * Denotes Sundays

** Denotes Holidays

STARTING TIMES - TICKET INFORMATION

All single games at Connie Mack Stadium during 1953, whether weekday, Saturday or Sunday, will start at 2:00 P.M.

Sunday Doubleheaders 1:05 P.M.

Week Day Doubleheaders 1:30 P.M.

All night games will start at 8:00 o'clock.

Daylight Saving Time will be observed for all home games of the Athletics during the period set for such observance, from April 26 through September 27, 1953.

TICKET PRICES (All Including Tax)

Box seats, \$2.75; reserved seats, \$2.00; grand stand seats (unreserved) \$1.30; bleacher seats (unreserved) .75. Children's tickets, sold only to or for children 12 years of age or under, .75.

Special Ladies' Days tax and service charge, 50 cents.

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check or money order payable to AMERICAN BASEBALL CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA.

Window for Advance ticket sales at Connie Mack Stadium, on 21st Street side.

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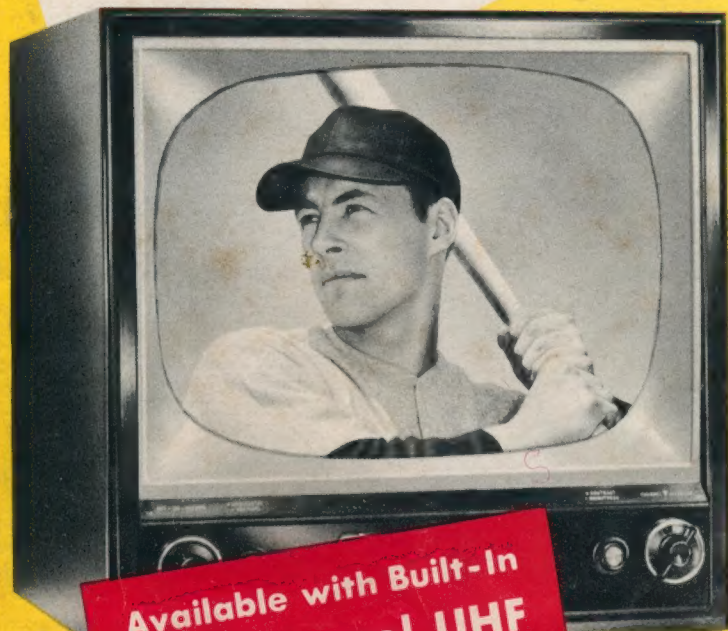
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